

RHB SMART TREASURE FUND

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Name, Category and Type

- Fund Name - RHB Smart Treasure Fund
- Fund Category - Equity Fund
- Fund Type - Growth

Investment Objective, Policy and Strategy

Objective of the Fund

The Fund aims to achieve long term* capital appreciation through investments in companies with high growth potential.

Note: * “long term” in this context refers to a period of between 5-7 years.

Strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing:

- 70% - 95% of its Net Asset Value (“NAV”) in securities of companies with high growth potential. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its NAV in Asia ex-Japan markets.
- the balance of the NAV shall be invested in liquid assets including money market instruments, deposits and collective investment schemes investing in money market instruments and deposits.

The risk management strategies and techniques employed by the Manager include diversification of the Fund’s investments in terms of its exposure to various industries, sectors and asset classes/type of investments (i.e. equity and money market instruments). Financial derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes where appropriate. Generally, the assets of the Fund will be invested over a medium to long term period with disposal of the investments when necessary to control risk as well as to optimise capital gains. This is especially so when the full growth potential of the investment is deemed to have been reduced over a prolonged rise in equity values and the other available equity investments may present cheaper valuations and higher potential returns. The Fund also complies with the permitted investments and restrictions imposed by the Securities Commission Malaysia. Adherence to these permitted investments and restrictions also helps the Manager to risk-manage the Fund’s portfolio in terms of diversification. Moreover, the Manager in making its investment decisions shall at all times comply with the investment restrictions of the Fund and requirements as set out in the Deed.

The Manager may take temporary defensive positions that may be inconsistent with the Fund's principal strategy in attempting to respond to adverse economic, political or any other market conditions. In such circumstances, the Manager may reallocate the Fund's equity investments into other asset classes such as collective investment schemes, money market instruments and deposits with financial institutions, which are defensive in nature. In its reallocation, the level of equity investments would normally not be below 20% of its NAV.

Performance Benchmark

The performance of the Fund is benchmarked against the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Emas Index ("FBM Emas Index").

Permitted Investments

This Fund may invest in securities traded on Bursa Malaysia or any other market considered as an Eligible Market, unlisted securities, collective investment schemes, financial derivatives, structured products, money market instruments and deposits with any financial institutions and any other investments permitted by the Securities Commission Malaysia from time to time.

Distribution Policy

Consistent with the Fund's objective to achieve capital growth, distributions will therefore be of secondary importance. Distributions, if any, after deduction of taxation and expenses, are generally declared annually.

MANAGER'S REPORT

EQUITY MARKET REVIEW

The year 2023 started with the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (“FBMKLCI”) declining by 0.67% in January 2023 making it the worst performer in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (“ASEAN”) region. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (“MSCI”) ASEAN index closed higher by 4.85% (United State (“US”) Dollar (“USD”)). Malaysia was the 2nd worst in ASEAN in terms of net foreign outflows at USD 147million during the month as foreign investors exited out of banks after Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) unexpectedly held rates. February 2023 month saw Budget 2023 tabled. It was broadly within expectations with no major immediate taxes announced. With the focus on the economy and cost of living issue a priority, the government announced lower taxes for the M40 group, while the T20 group will see higher taxes. Luxury goods taxes will also be introduced this year 2023. The telco sector saw selling pressure as a B40 package for high-speed broadband and the Mandatory Standard on Access Pricing review was announced. Markets saw a very volatile month of March 2023 stemming from Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) meeting to the Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”) (under SVB Financial Group) and Signature Bank (“Signature”) saga, as well as development in Europe on Credit Suisse. On a positive note, the market recovered towards the latter half of the month as banking stress eased after interventions to stem deposit outflows appear to be working, and the thematic play on artificial intelligence driving upside movement. Meanwhile, the FOMC raised the fed funds rate by 25 basis points (“bps”) to the range of 4.75% to 5.00% at its March 2023 meeting, in line with market expectations. As at the month of May 2023, the KLCI would have posted 5 consecutively monthly declines. During the year 2007-2008 credit crisis and year 1998 Asian Financial crisis has witnessed 6 consecutive months of declines. Major development during the month as a change in Malaysia’s energy policy with the lifting of the export ban of renewable energy to develop the clean power industry. The subdued investor sentiment could also be attributed to the upcoming state elections. In June 2023, the KLCI would now have declined for six consecutive months with a 6 month in year 2023 decline of almost 8.00%. This is the worst consecutive record of declines since year 2008. The government announced a few initiatives to promote local capital market and one of the measures was to reduce the stamp duty rate for shares traded on Bursa Malaysia from 0.15 % to 0.10%, subject to a maximum cap of RM1000 per contract. The government also announced in the second half of year 2023 electricity tariff review that heavy electricity users in the residential segment will be subject to a 10sen/Kwh surcharge. However, the surcharged imposed on commercial and industrial users will be lowered to 17sec/Kwh. In its June 2023 meeting, the Federal Reserve (“Fed”) left rates at 5.00% to 5.25%, which was in line with market expectations amid the forward guidance of “Skip” in this meeting. In September 2023, Malaysia economy slowed down after registering strong growth in year 2022 which is in line with the global slowdown in the economy. The Standard and Poor (“S&P”) Global Malaysia Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index

("PMI") fell to 46.8 in September 2023 from 47.8 a month earlier. Malaysia's manufacturing activities continue to fall further in September 2023 which was the lowest since January 2023. This was the 13th straight month of drop in the Manufacturing sector as global economy falters. Nevertheless, the recent recovery in the US and China manufacturing activities might indicate that the manufacturing activities could have found the bottom. Exports from Malaysia plunged 18.60% Year-on-Year ("YoY") to RM115.16billion in August 2023, coming in worse than market forecasts of negative 16.30%. This marked the sixth straight month of decline in exports and the steepest pace since May 2020 due to weakening global demand and moderating commodity prices. Among key trading partners, exports dropped from Singapore (-19.3%), China (-20.3%), the US (-9.7%) and the European Union (-4.6%). However, labour market conditions, particularly employment and wages, remains favourable which is an important factor that supports households' ability to spend. Only four sectors registered positive returns in September 2023 which are Energy (due to rising oil price), Construction (policy driven), Property (policy driven) and Healthcare (value). Foreign institutions turned net buy in the third quarter of year 2023 with RM2.2billion inflows. During October 2023, Budget 2024 was announced, which was viewed as market neutral with lower subsidies at 10.00% of operating expenditures (14.00% for year 2023). Additionally, there were a number of infrastructure related announcements like the restoration of LRT3 and extension of Penang LRT to mainland. Unfortunately, the Ringgit also hit Asia Financial Crisis lows (1998) against the USD during the month. In December 2023, the revival of the high-speed rail ("HSR") project was principally agreed to by both the Malaysian and Singaporean governments. Furthermore, the Johor-Singapore Special Economic zone Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") was expected to be signed in year 2024. In terms of flows, all ASEAN members so inflows with Malaysia seeing an inflow of RM256million vs RM1,551million the previous month. Stocks rallied over the last week of year 2023, as US inflation and government bond yields fell, USD turning soft, a dovish Fed and eased recession fears. The market believes that US policymakers would be able to achieve a soft landing. At its last meeting for year 2023, the Fed opted to hold rates steady and signalled an end to its rate-hiking cycle. For the full year 2023, China, Hong Kong and ASEAN markets underperformed relative to Developed-Market ("DM") equities. Malaysia closed -2.70%, the second worst in ASEAN, while the Hong Kong market was the worst performing market in year 2023. The FBMKLCI improved by 5.60% during the first quarter of year 2024. Strong investor interest in selective themes related to the Property and Construction sector. Some of the themes that gained traction were the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone, A nationwide water tariff hike, Talks of more electricity tariff reviews ahead of Tenaga's Regulatory Period 4 ("RP4") and the installation of the Johor Sultan as Malaysia's new Agong. Malaysia saw the second highest net foreign inflow (USD 145million) after Indonesia (USD534million) during the January 2024 month. Foreign net flow turned negative during the month of March 2024. Notable events during the month were BNM holding the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") at 3.00%, Sime Darby completing the 100.00% acquisition of UMW Holdings and Malaysia

Airports inking the new passenger services charges (“PSC”) for Malaysia, alongside a new Operating Agreement (“OA”) and a potential Turkey sale.

MALAYSIA FIXED INCOME MARKET REVIEW

Malaysian Government Securities (“MGS”) market traded slightly weaker in the last week of March 2024 (yields rise by about 1 basis point higher) led by month-end and quarter-end rebalancing flows, which were well-absorbed by investors buying on dips. There was a 5-year MGS Auction which drew a relatively weak bid-to-cover ratio of 1.797 times for an auction size of RM5billion, with successful yield ranging from 3.665% to 3.690% and an average yield of 3.681%. This continues the trend of weaker demand for shorter-end MGS as key investors are on yield seeking mode preferring the longer-end (15-30 years), while interbank funding tightness kept banks demand for short-end MGS limited. Meanwhile on the economic front, Malaysia’s inflation readings unexpectedly accelerated in February 2024, rising by 1.80% YoY vs. 1.50% in the previous month due to upward adjustments in water bill, public transport (flight, railway) and maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment. Notably, core inflation which removes food and price-administered goods remain steady at 1.80% YoY.

ECONOMIC REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

In terms of inflation, Malaysia's rate of inflation in February 2023 remained at 3.70%, led by growing costs in food and hospitality. In the month of February 2023, the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) saw a slower increase in the food away from home component of 8.90% as compared with 9.30% in January 2023. Among the initiatives that were introduced by the government to reduce the cost of living and ease the inflation of food away from home was Menu Rahmah that was announced on 31 January 2023. Also, a continuous heavy rain since the end of December 2022 to February 2023 in several states has led to increases in food prices, especially vegetables. As a result of the transition of the monsoon, the inflation for the vegetables subgroup has recorded a significant increase of 5.80% as compared to 1.00% in January 2023. For year 2023, BNM is expecting headline inflation to remain elevated despite moderating in the fourth quarter of year 2022. This is due to strength in domestic demand and improvement in the labour market will similarly keep the core inflation elevated in the near term. The elevated core inflation will trend above headline inflation for a few months in year 2023, but both headline and core inflation are projected to average between 2.80% and 3.80% this year 2023. Overall, our expectation on domestic inflation is to grind lower due to base effects of year 2022. In the month of March 2023, BNM has decided to maintain its OPR at 2.75%, as inflation is expected to moderate in year 2023 with upward pressures remaining partly contained by price controls and fuel subsidies. The decision is the second consecutive time the central bank maintained its benchmark interest rate after four straight hikes last year by a cumulative 100bps to tame inflation and respond to tightening fiscal policy by the US Fed. BNM has highlighted that although Malaysia’s economy has grown strongly by 8.70% last year 2022, the

downside risks continue to stem mainly from global developments, including from weaker than expected growth outturns or much tighter and more volatile global financial conditions. Malaysia's inflation rose to 2.80% in June 2023, compared to 3.30% YoY in April 2023 and May 2023. There was a slower increase seen in some groups as compared with the previous months such as food and non-alcoholic beverages, transport and furnishings. Malaysia's inflation has moderated after having peaked at 4.70% last August 2023, with the government having introduced measures such as price controls on certain items. Meanwhile, it said core inflation eased to 3.50% in May 2023 compared to 3.60% in April 2023. As BNM expects the economy to moderate in year 2023 amid a slower global economy, and the growth will remain driven by domestic demand, as household spending will be underpinned by sustained improvement in employment and income prospects.

BNM maintained the OPR unchanged at 3.00% throughout the fourth quarter of year 2023 ("4Q23"), signalling that the central bank had probably completed its interest rate hiking cycle having previously increased the OPR by 25bps to 3.00% in May 2023. This was a sharp contrast from the 4 straight increases in OPR in year 2022 from 1.75% to 2.75%. At the current level of 3.00%, BNM assessed that the monetary policy stance remains supportive of the economy but highlighted the risk to inflation from potential rationalisation in subsidy and price controls in year 2024. In terms of domestic economic releases, Malaysia's CPI numbers have reached a 33-month low of 1.50% YoY in November 2023 (previous: 1.80%, consensus: 1.70%) as food and non-alcoholic inflation continue to moderate. Core inflation have now eased to 2.00% from 2.40% in previous month. Separately, Malaysia's trade data worsened in, where exports contracted by -5.90% YoY (previous: -4.40%, consensus: -5.20%) in November 2023 due to tepid electrical and electronics ("E&E") shipments and lower chemical products and palm oil export. Meanwhile, imports rose +1.70% YoY (previous: -0.30%, consensus: -0.60%) led by increase in intermediate capital goods and further rise of consumption goods.

Meanwhile, Malaysia's exports declined slightly in February 2024 by -0.80% from a year ago (YoY) compared with January 2024 of +8.70% YoY while imports growth eased to +8.40% YoY from January 2024 of +18.70% YoY. BNM maintains official year 2024 forecasts for Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") at 4.00% - 5.00% compared with year 2023 of 3.70% and tweaked inflation rate outlook to 2.00% - 3.50% from 2.10% - 3.60% compared with 2.50% in year 2023. BNM reiterate its view that Ringgit is undervalued against fundamentals and growth prospects and see gradual firming of Ringgit this year 2024. Malaysia's February 2024 inflation recorded +1.80% growth from a year ago compared with January 2024 of 1.50% YoY. This was above the consensus estimate of 1.50% YoY. The headline and core inflation increased by 0.50% and 0.20%, respectively, compared to the previous month. Malaysia's February 2024 manufacturing PMI improved further to 49.5 from 49.0 in January 2024. There were indications of demand picking up in Malaysia with only slight moderation in new orders, export orders and production. Employment was broadly unchanged but appears to have stabilized.

BNM on 7 March 2024 kept the OPR unchanged at 3.00%. BNM noted that growth in the regional economies is expected to improve, while China's growth would likely remain modest given continued weakness in the Property market. BNM's view that global trade is expected to strengthen as the global technology upcycle gains momentum. BNM also expects that Malaysia economy will improve in 2024 on the back of the recovery in exports and resilient domestic expenditure.

EQUITY MARKET OUTLOOK & STRATEGY

Recent economic data suggests that Malaysia economy is improving. If this sustains it will help corporate earnings to recover after falling into negative growth in year 2023. The recently concluded 4Q23 results season saw higher proportion of hits than misses. Earnings were slightly upgraded for year 2024 post earnings announcement. There is an expectation of a soft-landing in US, where inflation stabilizes without economic growth taking a significant downturn for the US, which means that a recession would likely be avoided. We expect the positive catalysts in the local market to continue due to the structural reforms announced by the government to achieve long term sustainable economic growth. The Madani Economic Framework, the New Industrial Masterplan for year 2030, and the National Energy Transition Roadmap ("NETR") are positive for the economy and the improvement in the bigger picture bodes well for corporate Malaysia's earnings outlook. The positive local sentiments are also supported by the announcement that China would be injecting fresh stimulus in a bid to boost the country's struggling economy. Furthermore, the better-than-expected US economic growth 4Q23 would also alleviate the fear that US economy is going into recession in year 2024. However, the unresolved developments in the Middle East and the concern over the health of the Chinese economy couple with strong US economic data for now that would encourage the US Fed to hold higher-for-longer rates would create volatility in the market in the short term. We are positive on the equity outlook for year 2024 with much of the bad news already in the price although the US rate cut might be pushed towards second Half of year 2024 from first Quarter of year 2024. China in our view should recover in year 2024. Besides better economy, corporate earnings are also expected to recover having recorded negative growth last year 2023. We identify three key themes for Malaysia in year 2024: 1) government execution of the policies it announced in year 2023, such as higher development expenditure and energy transition plans 2) the Johor-Singapore theme, with the setting up of a special economic zone ("SEZ") in Johor 3) the ringgit's current weakness, which we expect to strengthen in the latter part of year 2024 amid potential US Fed pivot and uplift in the technology cycle. Sector specific, we remain Overweight healthcare sector, construction/infrastructure sector, water related sector, tourism sector, renewable energy/utilities sector and technology sector.

FIXED INCOME OUTLOOK & STRATEGY

The outlook for fixed income market in year 2024 remains highly positive in our view as global inflationary pressures retreated and the balance of probabilities have also now shifted towards major central banks reversing some of their aggressive tightening in the past two years. The International Monetary Fund (“IMF”) in its year 2023 World Economic Outlook Update had also projected for global GDP growth to be lower at 2.90% in year 2024, from 3.00% projected previously and typically slower GDP growth translates into a better outlook for fixed income market due to the lower interest rate expectation.

For Malaysia, we expect BNM to keep the OPR unchanged in 2024 as inflation had moderated lower (inflation at +1.50% YoY November 2023) while growth remains uneven in the country. While BNM indicated that it is monitoring closely for any inflationary impact from the government’s subsidy rationalisation, we believe that the subsidy rationalisation by the government will be gradual and hence inflation is likely to be contained. This stable OPR environment, coupled by improving supply (e.g. lower government deficit) and demand dynamics by local institutions (e.g. pension funds, insurance companies) augur well for the local fixed income market in our opinion.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian corporate bond and sukuk market are also likely to benefit from the positive momentum in the overall bond market as we expect credit conditions in Malaysia to be broadly stable in year 2024 - supported by resilient domestic growth and a more benign inflationary outlook. We remain positive on the corporate sub-sector and believe that it can continue to provide yield enhancement for the bond portfolios.

In summary, we are constructive of the bond market as we still see opportunities within the government and corporate credit securities market. We advocate on positioning the bond portfolio to increase investments whenever exacerbated selling occurs, as yield levels are expected to come off on lower year 2024 growth and inflation expectations. The stance to monetary policy locally by BNM will continue to be determined by new data but we expect this to be still supportive in light of a broadly stable macroeconomic outlook.

REVIEW OF FUND PERFORMANCE DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

For the financial year under review, the Fund registered a return of 11.77%* against its benchmark return of 11.06%*. The Fund thus outperformed its benchmark by 0.71% during the financial year under review. The Net Asset Value per unit of the Fund was RM0.4614 (2023: RM0.4129) as at 31 March 2024.

The investment strategy and policy employed during the year under review were in line with the investment strategy and policy as stated in the prospectus. The fund has

achieved its objective of providing long term wealth accumulation through capital appreciation.

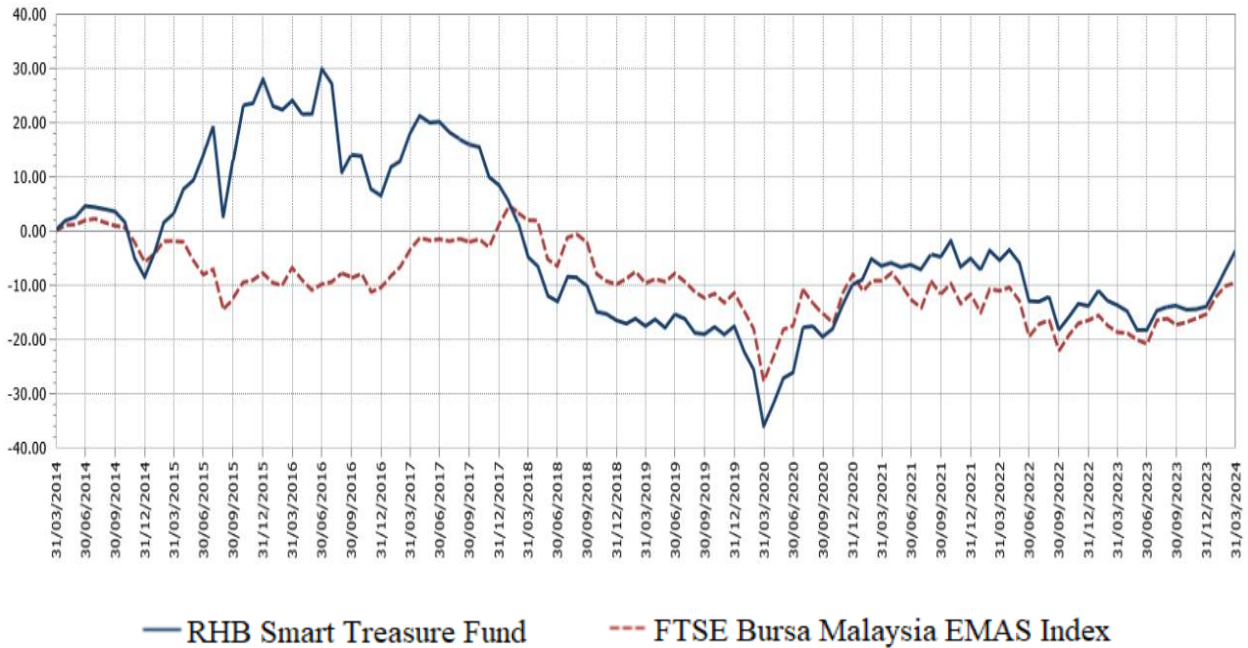
* *Source: Lipper Investment Management (“IM”), 15 April 2024*

PERFORMANCE DATA

	Annual Total Returns				
	Financial Year Ended 31 March				
	2024 %	2023 %	2022 %	2021 %	2020 %
RHB Smart Treasure Fund					
- Capital Return	11.77	(8.79)	1.05	46.07	(22.33)
- Income Return	-	-	-	-	-
- Total Return	11.77	(8.79)	1.05	46.07	(22.33)
FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index	11.06	(8.50)	(1.96)	25.70	(20.03)

	Average Annual Returns			
	1 Year 31.03.2023 – 31.03.2024 %	3 Years 31.03.2021 – 31.03.2024 %	5 Years 31.03.2019 – 31.03.2024 %	10 Years 31.03.2014 – 31.03.2024 %
RHB Smart Treasure Fund	11.77	0.99	3.16	(0.37)
FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index	11.06	(0.12)	0.03	(1.00)

**Performance of RHB Smart Treasure Fund
for the period from 31 March 2014 to 31 March 2024
Cumulative Return Over The Period (%)**



Source: Lipper IM, 15 April 2024

The above mentioned performance figures are indicative returns based on daily Net Asset Value of a unit (as per Lipper Database) since 31 March 2014.

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

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

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

Fund Size	As at 31 March		
	2024	2023	2022
Net Asset Value (RM million)	21.31	22.89	30.48
Units In Circulation (million)	46.19	55.43	67.33
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.4614	0.4129	0.4527

Historical Data	Financial Year Ended 31 March		
	2024	2023	2022
Unit Prices			
NAV - Highest (RM)	0.4615	0.4618	0.4790
- Lowest (RM)	0.3894	0.3861	0.4231
Distribution and Unit Split	-	-	-
Others			
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)#	1.69	1.76	1.65
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)##	1.39	1.58	1.45

The TER for the financial year was lower compared with the previous financial year due to lower expenses incurred for the financial year under review.

The PTR for the financial year was lower compared with the previous financial year due to lesser investment activities for the financial year under review.

DISTRIBUTION

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

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

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

Sectors	As at 31 March		
	2024	2023	2022
	%	%	%
Equities			
Construction	8.74	2.96	1.47
Consumer Products & Services	9.29	17.46	7.98
Energy	12.76	5.79	10.17
Financial Services	19.07	24.65	28.76
Health Care	5.01	2.57	-
Industrial Products & Services	9.02	11.35	10.80
Materials	-	-	1.02
Plantation	1.46	3.57	11.15
Property	3.44	-	2.75
Technology	10.10	10.63	10.88
Telecommunications & Media	4.97	7.20	4.43
Transportation & Logistics	4.83	2.86	-
TSR & Warrants	0.14	0.21	0.05
Utilities	5.44	2.56	-
	<u>94.27</u>	<u>91.81</u>	<u>89.46</u>
Collective investment scheme	0.36	0.29	-
Liquid assets and other net current assets	<u>5.37</u>	<u>7.90</u>	<u>10.54</u>
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The asset allocation was reflective of the Manager's stance to risk manage its portfolio in an environment of volatile markets.

SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

CROSS TRADE

The Fund has not carried out any cross trade transactions for the financial year under review.

SOFT COMMISSION

Soft commissions were received by the management company for the financial year under review from brokers/dealers who have also executed trades for other funds or investment managed by the management company or Fund Manager. The soft commissions were utilised for research data and materials that assist in the decision making process relating to the Fund's investment. The soft commissions received were for the benefit of the funds and there were no churning of trades.

**RHB SMART TREASURE FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
ASSETS			
Bank balances	5	249,058	1,176,436
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	5	849,026	1,276,336
Investments	6	20,169,455	21,082,737
Dividend receivables		115,201	68,759
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>21,382,740</u>	<u>23,604,268</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to brokers		-	650,667
Amount due to Manager		8,723	413
Accrued management fee		26,572	29,322
Amount due to Trustee		1,063	1,173
Other payables and accruals		19,017	32,236
Tax payable		12,973	320
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>68,348</u>	<u>714,131</u>
NET ASSET VALUE		<u>21,314,392</u>	<u>22,890,137</u>
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		64,166,482	68,046,097
Accumulated losses		(42,852,090)	(45,155,960)
		<u>21,314,392</u>	<u>22,890,137</u>
UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNIT)	7	<u>46,191,000</u>	<u>55,434,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.4614</u>	<u>0.4129</u>

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RHB SMART TREASURE FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
INCOME/(LOSS)			
Dividend income		600,413	839,843
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions		37,708	37,377
Net realised loss on disposal		(448,576)	(2,630,511)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value		2,727,465	(94,616)
Net foreign currency exchange gain		14,949	35,130
		<u>2,931,959</u>	<u>(1,812,777)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	8	(321,048)	(382,628)
Trustee's fee	9	(12,843)	(15,306)
Audit fee		(7,800)	(7,800)
Tax agent's fee		(3,000)	(17,234)
Overprovision of tax agent's fee		5,629	-
Transaction costs		(238,804)	(339,613)
Other expenses		(40,702)	(31,989)
		<u>(618,568)</u>	<u>(794,570)</u>
Net income/(loss) before taxation		2,313,391	(2,607,347)
Taxation	10	(9,521)	(1,271)
Net income/(loss) after taxation		<u>2,303,870</u>	<u>(2,608,618)</u>
Net income/(loss) after taxation is made up as follow:			
Realised amount		(437,125)	(2,509,841)
Unrealised amount		2,740,995	(98,777)
		<u>2,303,870</u>	<u>(2,608,618)</u>

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RHB SMART TREASURE FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unit holders' capital RM	Accumulated losses RM	Total net asset value RM
Balance as at 1 April 2022	73,025,437	(42,547,342)	30,478,095
Movement in net asset value:			
Net loss after taxation	-	(2,608,618)	(2,608,618)
Creation of units arising from applications	68,182	-	68,182
Cancellation of units	(5,047,522)	-	(5,047,522)
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>68,046,097</u>	<u>(45,155,960)</u>	<u>22,890,137</u>
Balance as at 1 April 2023	68,046,097	(45,155,960)	22,890,137
Movement in net asset value:			
Net income after taxation	-	2,303,870	2,303,870
Creation of units arising from applications	24,207	-	24,207
Cancellation of units	(3,903,822)	-	(3,903,822)
Balance as at 31 March 2024	<u>64,166,482</u>	<u>(42,852,090)</u>	<u>21,314,392</u>

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**RHB SMART TREASURE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		30,959,173	40,396,897
Purchase of investments		(28,645,588)	(37,149,445)
Dividends received		526,194	823,199
Interest received from deposits with licensed financial institutions		37,708	37,377
Management fee paid		(323,798)	(393,198)
Trustee's fees paid		(12,953)	(15,729)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(40,738)	(46,861)
Tax received/(paid)		3,132	(951)
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>2,503,130</u>	<u>3,651,289</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		24,207	68,182
Cash paid for units cancelled		<u>(3,895,512)</u>	<u>(5,193,939)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(3,871,305)</u>	<u>(5,125,757)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,368,175)	(1,474,468)
Foreign currency translation difference		13,487	(4,028)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>2,452,772</u>	<u>3,931,268</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5	<u>1,098,084</u>	<u>2,452,772</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**RHB SMART TREASURE FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The RHB Smart Treasure Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Master Deed dated 27 April 2004 as modified by the First Supplemental Master Deed dated 8 June 2004, Second Supplemental Master Deed 19 October 2005, Third Supplemental Master Deed dated 8 December 2005, Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 28 February 2006, Fifth Supplemental Master Deed dated 9 March 2006, Sixth Supplemental Master Deed dated 22 September 2006, Seventh Supplemental Master Deed dated 15 December 2006, Eighth Supplemental Master Deed dated 30 January 2007, Ninth Supplemental Master Deed dated 9 April 2007, Tenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 14 May 2007, Eleventh Supplemental Master Deed dated 15 May 2007, Twelfth Supplemental Master Deed dated 27 June 2007, Thirteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 24 December 2007, Fourteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 28 February 2013, Fifteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 4 September 2013, Sixteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 2 March 2015, Seventeenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 8 May 2015, Eighteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 25 May 2015, Nineteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 3 June 2015, Twentieth Supplemental Master Deed dated 11 December 2018 and Twenty-First Supplemental Master Deed dated 7 February 2023 (collectively referred to as “the Deeds”) between RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd (“the Manager”) and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (“the Trustee”).

The Fund was launched on 7 September 2004 and will continue its operations until terminated according to the conditions provided in the Deeds. The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in Permitted Investments as set out in the Deeds.

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

The main objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital appreciation through investments in a portfolio comprising subscriptions for Initial Public Offerings (“IPO”), low priced securities, medium priced securities and the top 50 listed stocks of Bursa Malaysia (“BMSB”) (in terms of market capitalisation) that amongst other things, offer high growth potential. Effective from 12 April 2019 with unit holders’ approval on the change of the Fund’s investment objective, the Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation through investments in companies with high growth potential.

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

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

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 23 May 2024.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of the financial statements

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the financial year. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager’s best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ. There were no areas involving higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements.

(a) Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 April 2023

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 April 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

(b) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 April 2023 and have not been early adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for the financial year beginning after 1 April 2023. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Fund, except the following set out below:

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.1 Basis of preparation of the financial statements (continued)

(b) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 April 2023 and have not been early adopted (continued)

- Amendments to MFRS 101 ‘Classification of liabilities as current or non-current’ clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the entity’s expectations or events after the reporting date (e.g. the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant).

The amendment is effective for the annual financial reporting period beginning on or after 1 April 2024.

The amendment shall be applied retrospectively.

2.2 Financial assets

Classification

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

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund’s business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund’s debt securities are solely payment of principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund’s business model’s objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.2 Financial assets (continued)

Classification (continued)

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

Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date - the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statement of income and expenses.

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

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

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

Quoted investments and collective investment scheme are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently re-measured at fair value based on the market price quoted on the relevant stock exchanges at the close of the business on the valuation day, where the close price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the close price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

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

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.2 Financial assets (continued)

Recognition and measurement (continued)

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

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due or a counterparty credit rating which has fallen below BBB/Baa.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

Write-off

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

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 Financial liabilities

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

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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

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

2.4 Unit holders' capital

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

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

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.5 Income recognition

Dividend income from quoted investments and collective investment scheme are recognised when the Fund's right to receive payment is established. Dividend income is received from financial assets measured at FVTPL.

Interest income from short-term deposits with licensed financial is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

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

Realised gains or losses on sale of quoted investments and collective investment scheme are arrived at after accounting for cost of investments, determined on the weighted average cost method.

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

2.6 Taxation

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

2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

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

2.8 Amount due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the date of the statement of financial position respectively. The amount due from brokers balance is held for collection.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.8 Amount due from/to brokers (continued)

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from brokers at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the brokers, probability that the brokers will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

2.9 Presentation and functional currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the “functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”), which is the Fund’s presentation and functional currency.

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

- Part of the Fund’s cash is denominated in RM for the purpose of making settlement of the creation and cancellation.
- The Fund’s units are denominated in RM.
- The Fund’s significant expenses are denominated in RM.
- The Fund’s investments are significantly denominated in RM.

2.10 Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions in the Fund are accounted for at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the reporting date. Exchange differences arising from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation of foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in statement of income and expenses.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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

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

Market risk

Securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries represented in the securities markets. The value of a security may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investors' sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labour shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities. The market price of securities owned by a unit trust fund might go down or up, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably.

Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of the investments of the Fund will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

The Fund is exposed to equity securities and collective investment scheme (other than those arising from interest rate risk) price risk for its investments of RM20,169,455 (2023: RM21,082,737) in equity securities and collective investment scheme.

The sensitivity analysis is based on the assumption that the price of the quoted securities and collective investment scheme fluctuate by +/- 5% with all other variables held constant, the impact on the statement of income and expenses and net asset value is +/- RM1,008,473 (2023: RM1,054,137).

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the cost or the value of the financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Fund's exposure to the interest rate risk is mainly from short term placements with financial institutions. The Manager overcomes the exposure by way of maintaining deposits on short term basis. Therefore, exposure to interest rate fluctuation is minimal.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with financial instruments that are quoted and/or priced in foreign currency denomination. Malaysian based investor should be aware that if the Ringgit Malaysia appreciates against the currencies in which the portfolio of the investment is denominated, this will have an adverse effect on the net asset value of the Fund and vice versa. The Fund did not have any significant financial liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as at the financial year end date.

The Manager or its fund management delegate could utilise two pronged approaches in order to mitigate the currency risk; firstly by spreading the investments across different currencies (i.e. diversification) and secondly, by hedging the currencies when it deemed necessary.

The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate fluctuates by +/- 5%, with all other variables remain constants, the impact on statement of income and expenses and net asset value is +/- RM209,803 (2023: RM227,536).

The following table sets out the currency risk concentration of the Fund:

	<u>Investments</u> RM	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Other financial assets/ (liabilities)*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
Hong Kong Dollar	709,338	-	-	709,338
Indonesian Rupiah	1,230,328	-	15,007	1,245,335
Korean Won	1,143,390	-	9,186	1,152,576
Taiwan Dollar	584,254	-	817	585,071
Thailand Baht	310,480	652	-	311,132
United States Dollar	-	197,830	(5,217)	192,613
	<u>3,977,790</u>	<u>198,482</u>	<u>19,793</u>	<u>4,196,065</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Hong Kong Dollar	1,055,141	-	-	1,055,141
Indonesian Rupiah	780,521	-	-	780,521
Korean Won	1,604,729	-	-	1,604,729
Taiwan Dollar	-	-	(13,635)	(13,635)
United States Dollar	-	1,123,958	-	1,123,958
	<u>3,440,391</u>	<u>1,123,958</u>	<u>(13,635)</u>	<u>4,550,714</u>

* Comprise dividend receivables, and other payables and accruals.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of a particular investment will not be able to make timely or full payments of principal or income due on that investment. The credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only maintain cash balances and place deposits with reputable licensed financial institutions. For amount due from brokers, the settlement terms are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Malaysia”). The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC’s Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other financial <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>			
AAA	899,602	-	899,602
AA3	198,482	-	198,482
Others	-	115,201	115,201
	<u>1,098,084</u>	<u>115,201</u>	<u>1,213,285</u>
<u>2023</u>			
AAA	1,328,814	-	1,328,814
AA3	1,123,958	-	1,123,958
Others	-	68,759	68,759
	<u>2,452,772</u>	<u>68,759</u>	<u>2,521,531</u>

* Comprise dividend receivables.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk

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

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

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

	Less than <u>1 month</u> RM	Between <u>1 month</u> to 1 year RM
<u>2024</u>		
Amount due to Manager	8,723	-
Accrued management fee	26,572	-
Amount due to Trustee	1,063	-
Other payables and accruals	-	19,017
	<u>36,358</u>	<u>19,017</u>
<u>2023</u>		
Amount due to brokers	650,667	-
Amount due to Manager	413	-
Accrued management fee	29,322	-
Amount due to Trustee	1,173	-
Other payables and accruals	-	32,236
	<u>681,575</u>	<u>32,236</u>

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM64,166,482 (2023: RM68,046,097) and accumulated losses of RM42,852,090 (2023: RM45,155,960). The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

4. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

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

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in an active market (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date.

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

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each financial year end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as options, currency swaps and other over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable recent transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

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

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

4. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

Fair value hierarchy

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

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

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund’s financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (by class) measured at fair value:

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
Financial assets at FVPTL:				
- Quoted investments	20,093,295	-	-	20,093,295
- Collective investment scheme	76,160	-	-	76,160
	<u>20,169,455</u>	-	-	<u>20,169,455</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at FVPTL:				
- Quoted investments	21,016,657	-	-	21,016,657
- Collective investment scheme	66,080	-	-	66,080
	<u>21,082,737</u>	-	-	<u>21,082,737</u>

Investments in active listed equities, i.e. quoted investments and collective investment scheme whose values are based on quoted and published market prices in active markets are classified within Level 1. The Fund does not adjust the quoted and published prices for these instruments. The Fund’s policies on valuation of these financial assets/ financial liabilities are stated in Note 2.2.

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Bank balances	249,058	1,176,436
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	849,026	1,276,336
	<u>1,098,084</u>	<u>2,452,772</u>

6. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Investments:		
- Quoted investments - local	16,115,505	17,576,266
- Quoted investments - foreign	3,977,790	3,440,391
- Collective investment scheme	76,160	66,080
	<u>20,169,455</u>	<u>21,082,737</u>

Investments as at 31 March 2024 are as follows:

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net Asset Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS				
- LOCAL				
<u>MALAYSIA</u>				
Construction				
Gamuda Berhad	159,809	654,364	842,193	3.95
IJM Corporation Berhad	238,200	515,142	578,826	2.72
Sunway Construction Group Berhad	151,500	253,968	442,380	2.07
		<u>1,423,474</u>	<u>1,863,399</u>	<u>8.74</u>
Consumer Products & Services				
DRB-Hicom Berhad	356,800	526,209	528,064	2.48
QL Resources Berhad	58,300	332,160	343,970	1.61
		<u>858,369</u>	<u>872,034</u>	<u>4.09</u>

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2024 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS				
– LOCAL (CONTINUED)				
<u>MALAYSIA (CONTINUED)</u>				
Energy				
Bumi Armada Berhad	558,400	306,043	323,872	1.52
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Berhad	376,700	554,570	907,847	4.26
Dialog Group Berhad	122,400	270,243	280,296	1.32
Velesto Energy Berhad	1,772,300	448,215	522,829	2.45
WASCO Berhad (<i>formerly known as Wah Seong Corporation Berhad</i>)	359,100	338,427	459,648	2.16
Yinson Holdings Berhad	94,620	236,318	223,303	1.05
		<u>2,153,816</u>	<u>2,717,795</u>	<u>12.76</u>
Financial Services				
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	161,705	826,624	1,073,721	5.04
Malayan Banking Berhad	97,656	854,735	946,287	4.44
Public Bank Berhad	287,300	1,170,185	1,212,406	5.69
		<u>2,851,544</u>	<u>3,232,414</u>	<u>15.17</u>
Health Care				
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	556,300	876,379	1,068,096	5.01
Industrial Products & Services				
Ann Joo Resources Berhad	274,200	304,856	307,104	1.44
Kelington Group Berhad	255,400	425,267	679,364	3.19
PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad	30,200	221,022	202,642	0.95
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd	90,900	440,135	422,685	1.98
		<u>1,391,280</u>	<u>1,611,795</u>	<u>7.56</u>
Plantation				
Sime Darby Plantation Berhad	72,300	315,820	311,613	1.46

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2024 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS				
– LOCAL (CONTINUED)				
<u>MALAYSIA (CONTINUED)</u>				
Property				
LBS Bina Group Berhad	1,018,900	563,581	733,608	3.44
Technology				
CTOS Digital Berhad	163,700	235,166	216,084	1.01
Frontken Corporate Berhad	85,200	319,839	330,576	1.55
Mi Technovation Berhad	105,300	181,635	193,752	0.91
		736,640	740,412	3.47
Telecommunications & Media				
Axiata Group Berhad	98,500	281,071	264,965	1.24
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	79,400	408,788	479,576	2.25
		689,859	744,541	3.49
Transportation & Logistics				
Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad	103,400	757,356	1,029,864	4.83
TSR & Warrants				
Yinson Holdings Berhad Warrant	77,965	-	30,406	0.14
Utilities				
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	58,300	524,622	663,454	3.11
YTL Corporation Berhad	76,200	211,127	200,406	0.94
YTL Power International Berhad	76,400	303,095	295,668	1.39
		1,038,844	1,159,528	5.44
TOTAL QUOTED				
INVESTMENTS - LOCAL		13,656,962	16,115,505	75.60

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2024 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS				
– FOREIGN				
<u>HONG KONG</u>				
Consumer Products & Services				
Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd	6,100	294,961	259,086	1.22
Anta Sports Products Ltd	4,200	216,830	211,272	0.99
New Oriental Education & Technology Group Inc	5,800	189,438	238,980	1.12
		<u>701,229</u>	<u>709,338</u>	<u>3.33</u>
TOTAL HONG KONG		<u>701,229</u>	<u>709,338</u>	<u>3.33</u>
<u>INDONESIA</u>				
Consumer Products & Services				
PT Mayora Indah Tbk	527,900	426,911	399,578	1.87
Financial Services				
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	276,700	761,443	830,750	3.90
TOTAL INDONESIA		<u>1,188,354</u>	<u>1,230,328</u>	<u>5.77</u>
<u>KOREA</u>				
Technology				
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2,862	689,566	828,938	3.89
Telecommunications & Media				
SK Telecom	1,704	307,245	314,452	1.48
TOTAL KOREA		<u>996,811</u>	<u>1,143,390</u>	<u>5.37</u>

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2024 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS				
– FOREIGN (CONTINUED)				
<u>TAIWAN</u>				
Technology				
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	8,000	121,514	177,360	0.83
Mediatek Inc	1,000	115,878	176,621	0.83
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2,000	188,285	230,273	1.08
		<u>425,677</u>	<u>584,254</u>	<u>2.74</u>
TOTAL TAIWAN		<u>425,677</u>	<u>584,254</u>	<u>2.74</u>
<u>THAILAND</u>				
Industrial Products & Services				
Airports of Thailand PCL	36,500	303,014	310,480	1.46
TOTAL THAILAND		<u>303,014</u>	<u>310,480</u>	<u>1.46</u>
TOTAL QUOTED INVESTMENTS - FOREIGN		<u>3,615,085</u>	<u>3,977,790</u>	<u>18.67</u>
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
<u>MALAYSIA</u>				
AME Real Estate Investment Trust	56,000	63,280	76,160	0.36
TOTAL MALAYSIA		<u>63,280</u>	<u>76,160</u>	<u>0.36</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		<u>17,335,327</u>	<u>20,169,455</u>	<u>94.63</u>

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS – LOCAL				
<u>MALAYSIA</u>				
Construction				
Gamuda Berhad	121,400	453,823	495,312	2.16
Sunway Construction Group Berhad	110,100	184,296	182,766	0.80
		638,119	678,078	2.96
Consumer Products & Services				
Berjaya Food Berhad	771,700	840,563	709,964	3.10
Guan Chong Berhad	315,600	842,314	763,752	3.34
Padini Holdings Berhad	270,600	960,917	1,079,694	4.72
QL Resources Berhad	99,000	565,946	575,190	2.51
		3,209,740	3,128,600	13.67
Energy				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Berhad	475,300	599,791	636,902	2.78
Yinson Holdings Berhad	268,420	670,391	689,839	3.01
		1,270,182	1,326,741	5.79
Financial Services				
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	375,405	1,923,765	1,993,401	8.71
Malayan Banking Berhad	161,756	1,415,772	1,386,249	6.06
Public Bank Berhad	565,500	2,303,306	2,262,000	9.88
		5,642,843	5,641,650	24.65
Health Care				
IHH Healthcare Berhad	59,500	366,926	342,125	1.50
Industrial Products & Services				
Ann Joo Resources Berhad	278,400	350,004	353,568	1.54
Kelington Group Berhad	329,400	487,810	484,218	2.12
Pantech Group Holdings Berhad	860,300	683,764	675,336	2.95
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad	53,800	465,541	380,366	1.66

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2023 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS – LOCAL (CONTINUED)				
<u>MALAYSIA (CONTINUED)</u>				
Industrial Products & Services				
(continued)				
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	85,100	402,625	414,437	1.81
SKP Resources Berhad	231,900	309,065	289,875	1.27
		<u>2,698,809</u>	<u>2,597,800</u>	<u>11.35</u>
Plantation				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad	39,300	848,407	816,654	3.57
Technology				
Globetronics Technology Berhad	399,700	449,188	459,655	2.01
Inari Amertron Berhad	188,100	455,787	462,726	2.02
MY EG Services Berhad	395,500	298,262	302,558	1.32
		<u>1,203,237</u>	<u>1,224,939</u>	<u>5.35</u>
Telecommunications & Media				
Axiata Group Berhad	175,900	501,933	529,459	2.31
Transportation & Logistics				
MISC Berhad	90,700	651,421	654,854	2.86
TSR & Warrants				
Yinson Holdings Berhad Warrant	77,965	-	48,338	0.21
Utilities				
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	63,600	542,567	587,028	2.56
TOTAL QUOTED		<u>17,574,184</u>	<u>17,576,266</u>	<u>76.78</u>
INVESTMENTS - LOCAL				

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2023 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS - FOREIGN				
<u>HONG KONG</u>				
Consumer Products & Services				
Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd	5,500	292,826	310,447	1.36
Health Care				
Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc	9,000	336,237	245,906	1.07
Technology				
Qingdao Ainnovation Technology Group Co Ltd	19,100	221,425	160,211	0.70
Telecommunications & Media				
Baidu Inc	4,050	314,111	338,577	1.48
TOTAL HONG KONG		1,164,599	1,055,141	4.61
<u>INDONESIA</u>				
Telecommunications & Media				
PT Telkom Indonesia Persero Tbk	653,900	744,163	780,521	3.41
TOTAL INDONESIA		744,163	780,521	3.41
<u>KOREA</u>				
Consumer Products & Services				
Cosmax Inc	2,027	427,693	556,758	2.43
Technology				
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2,130	450,401	462,261	2.02
Samsung SDI Co Ltd	235	551,754	585,710	2.56
		1,002,155	1,047,971	4.58
TOTAL KOREA		1,429,848	1,604,729	7.01

6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments as at 31 March 2023 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	<u>% of Net</u> <u>Asset</u> <u>Value</u> %
QUOTED INVESTMENTS – FOREIGN (CONTINUED)				
TOTAL QUOTED INVESTMENTS - FOREIGN		3,338,610	3,440,391	15.03
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
<u>MALAYSIA</u>				
AME Real Estate Investment Trust	56,000	63,280	66,080	0.29
TOTAL MALAYSIA		63,280	66,080	0.29
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME		63,280	66,080	0.29
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		20,976,074	21,082,737	92.10

7. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2024</u> Units	<u>2023</u> Units
At the beginning of the financial year	55,434,000	67,329,000
Creation of units arising from applications during the financial year	58,000	167,000
Cancellation of units during the financial year	(9,301,000)	(12,062,000)
At the end of the financial year	<u>46,191,000</u>	<u>55,434,000</u>

8. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Prospectus, the management fee provided in the financial statements is 1.50% (2023: 1.50%) per annum based on the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis for the financial year.

9. TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with the Prospectus, the Trustee's fee provided in the financial statements is 0.06% (2023: 0.06%) per annum based on the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis for the financial year.

10. TAXATION

(a) Tax charge for the financial year

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Current taxation	<u>9,521</u>	<u>1,271</u>

(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense

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

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Net income/(loss) before taxation	<u>2,313,391</u>	<u>(2,607,347)</u>
Tax calculated at statutory income tax rate of 24%	555,214	(625,763)
Tax effects of:		
- (Investment income not subject to tax)/Investment loss not brought to tax	(694,149)	437,606
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	66,982	95,764
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses	81,474	92,393
- Income subject to different tax rate	-	1,271
Tax expense	<u>9,521</u>	<u>1,271</u>

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
TER	<u>1.69</u>	<u>1.76</u>

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (“TER”) (CONTINUED)

The TER ratio is calculated based on total expenses excluding investment transaction related costs of the Fund to the average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
PTR (times)	<u>1.39</u>	<u>1.58</u>

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

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

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

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	Units	RM	Units	RM
The Manager	5,156	2,379	5,172	2,136
RHB Capital Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	<u>1,543,582</u>	<u>712,209</u>	<u>2,250,628</u>	<u>929,284</u>

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

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

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

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

14. TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND

Details of transactions by the Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 are as follows:

Brokers/ <u>Financial institutions</u>	<u>Value of trades</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trades</u> %	<u>Brokerage fees</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total brokerage fees</u> %
RHB Investment Bank Berhad*	15,547,414	26.37	47,574	30.09
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	13,557,710	23.00	34,939	22.10
CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd	8,374,463	14.20	24,398	15.43
CGS-CIMB Securities Korea Branch	5,279,207	8.96	10,558	6.68
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	4,121,068	6.99	12,363	7.82
MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Berhad	2,852,529	4.84	8,558	5.41
Nomura Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	1,891,423	3.21	3,783	2.39
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	1,586,002	2.69	3,172	2.01
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	1,146,412	1.95	2,293	1.45
CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd (<i>formerly known as KAF Equities Sdn Bhd</i>)	1,065,899	1.81	3,070	1.94
Others	3,531,035	5.98	7,418	4.68
	58,953,162	100.00	158,126	100.00

14. TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND (CONTINUED)

Details of transactions by the Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 are as follows:

Brokers/ <u>Financial institutions</u>	Value of <u>trades</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>trades</u> %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total brokerage <u>fees</u> %
RHB Investment Bank Berhad*	25,709,508	33.02	74,554	35.98
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	20,907,258	26.85	52,907	25.54
CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd	11,138,485	14.30	30,945	14.94
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	3,603,836	4.63	7,208	3.48
CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd (<i>formerly known as KAF Equities Sdn Bhd</i>)	3,438,019	4.41	9,142	4.41
MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Berhad	3,357,432	4.31	10,072	4.86
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	2,920,732	3.75	8,762	4.23
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	2,638,809	3.39	5,278	2.55
CGS-CIMB Securities Korea Branch	2,165,290	2.78	4,330	2.09
Nomura Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	954,667	1.23	1,909	0.92
Others	1,034,716	1.33	2,070	1.00
	<u>77,868,752</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>207,177</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORIES

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Financial assets		
Financial assets at FVPTL		
• Quoted investments - local	16,115,505	17,576,266
• Quoted investments - foreign	3,977,790	3,440,391
• Collective investment scheme	76,160	66,080
	<u>20,169,455</u>	<u>21,082,737</u>
Financial assets at amortised cost		
• Bank balances	249,058	1,176,436
• Deposits with licensed financial institutions	849,026	1,276,336
• Dividend receivables	115,201	68,759
	<u>1,213,285</u>	<u>2,521,531</u>
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
• Amount due to brokers	-	650,667
• Amount due to Manager	8,723	413
• Accrued management fee	26,572	29,322
• Amount due to Trustee	1,063	1,173
• Other payables and accruals	19,017	32,236
	<u>55,375</u>	<u>713,811</u>

**STATEMENT BY MANAGER
RHB SMART TREASURE FUND**

We, Dato' Darawati Hussain and Mohd Farid Bin Kamarudin, two of the Directors of RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Directors of the Manager, the accompanying statement of financial position, statement of income and expenses, statement of changes in net asset value, statement of cash flows and the accompanying notes, 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 the Fund as at 31 March 2024 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended and comply with the provisions of the Deeds.

On behalf of the Manager,

Dato' Darawati Hussain
Director

Mohd Farid Bin Kamarudin
Director

23 May 2024

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

To the unit holders of RHB Smart Treasure Fund (“Fund”)

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd 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 Management Company under the Deeds, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deeds; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat
Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur
23 May 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF RHB SMART TREASURE FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of RHB Smart Treasure Fund (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2024 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024, and the statement of income and expenses, statement of changes in net asset value and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, as set out on pages 15 to 46.

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 “Auditors’ 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 Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF RHB SMART TREASURE FUND (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Manager's Report, 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.

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 that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

The Manager of the Fund 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 Manager is also responsible for such internal control as the Manager 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 Manager 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 Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF RHB SMART TREASURE FUND (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' 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 with 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.

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
RHB SMART TREASURE FUND (CONTINUED)**

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager'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 of the Fund 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.
- (e) 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 Manager 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.

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unit holders of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS PLT
LLP0014401-LCA & AF 1146
Chartered Accountants

Kuala Lumpur
23 May 2024

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr Chin Yoong Kheong (*Independent Non-Executive Chairman*)

YBhg Dato' Darawati Hussain (*Senior Independent Non-Executive Director*)

Tuan Syed Ahmad Taufik Albar (*Non-Independent Non-Executive Director*)

(*Resigned with effect from 29 February 2024*)

Encik Mohd Farid Bin Kamarudin (*Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director*)

(*Appointed with effect from 1 August 2023*)

Puan Hijah Arifakh Binti Othman (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)

(*Resigned with effect from 1 June 2023*)

Puan Sharizad Binti Juma'at (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

YBhg Dato' Darawati Hussain (*Independent Chairperson*)

Puan Hijah Arifakh Binti Othman (*Resigned with effect from 1 June 2023*)

Mr Chin Yoong Kheong

Puan Sharizad Binti Juma'at

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MANAGING DIRECTOR

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