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### Product Highlights Sheet

#### ASTUTE DIVIDEND MAXIMISER FUND

### Brief Information of the Product

#### 1. What is this product about?

This is an open-ended conventional equity fund, issued and managed by Astute Fund Management Berhad (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad).

The Fund seeks to provide regular income and capital appreciation to investors over a medium to long term investment horizon. The Fund is neither capital guaranteed nor capital protected.

### Product Suitability

#### 2. Who is this product suitable for?

The Fund is suitable for sophisticated investors who have a moderate risk tolerance and seek for regular income stream and capital gains over the medium to long term.

### Key Product Features

#### 3. What am I investing in?

Launch Date	28 February 2022
Initial Offer Price	RM1.00
Tenure	The Fund is an open-ended fund which means there is no maturity date and may only be terminated in accordance with the terms of the Information Memorandum and the provisions of the Deed.
Investment Strategy And Asset Allocation	<p>The Fund aims to achieve its objective by investing a minimum of 70% of its NAV in equities listed on Bursa Malaysia and stock exchanges in the Asia-Pacific region and equity related products linked to these markets; the balance of its NAV may be invested in fixed income securities, collective investment schemes, money market instruments and deposits placed with financial institutions in Malaysia and Asia-Pacific region and other income related products linked to these markets. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of the Fund's NAV in structured products.</p> <p>The Fund's investments in foreign equities/instruments will be largely opportunistically driven if the Manager identifies equities that are able to provide potential higher dividend yields. The Fund's exposure to foreign equities/instruments will be limited to 50% the NAV of the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund's main objective is to generate regular income and provide capital appreciation via its core dividend portfolio ("core portfolio"). In constructing its core portfolio, the Manager will first perform a screening of equities on a pre-determined set of criteria (such as minimum dividend yield, market capitalisation, daily trading value and earnings growth). After the screening exercise, the Manager will further refine its selection of equities via a bottoms-up approach based on other qualitative and quantitative factors such as management quality, earnings prospects and balance sheet strength. The Manager may also select equities with potential for dividend and capital growth.</p> <p>When deemed necessary, the Manager may use derivatives such as options, futures contracts, forwards contracts or swaps for the purpose of hedging.</p> <p>The Manager may seek to generate the returns on its core portfolio by lending out the Fund's securities to Bursa Malaysia approved borrowing representatives. The Manager will ensure that the total value of securities lent does not exceed 50% of the Fund's NAV. This would allow sufficient liquidity for the Manager to adjust the portfolio to adapt and respond to unexpected market conditions.</p>

	The Fund may adopt temporary defensive measures by investing into fixed income securities with high credit quality, short term deposits placed with financial institutions or money market instruments during adverse market conditions. This is to ensure that the Fund will still be able to provide regular distributions to the Unit Holders amidst high market volatilities.
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index.
Minimum Investment	RM5,000.00 for initial and RM1,000 additional investment or any such lower amount as the Manager may prescribe from time to time.
Distribution Policy	Semi annual, subject to the availability of distributable income after the end of the Fund's first financial year.

*Note : Please refer to the Master Prospectus for further details of the fund*

#### 4. Who am I investing with?

The Manager	Astute Fund Management Berhad (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad)
The Trustee	CIMB Commerce Trustees Berhad
Auditor	Crowe Malaysia PLT
Taxation Adviser	Mazars Taxation Services Sdn Bhd
Solicitor	Wei Chien & Partners
Principal Banker	CIMB Bank Berhad

#### 5. What are the possible outcomes of my investment?

By applying fundamental and technical analysis, the Manager aims to deliver reasonable returns in line with the investment objectives. By investing in a majority of the Fund's NAV in dividend yielding counters, the Fund expects to make regular distributions consistent with its distribution policies. However, with the minimum equity exposure of 70%, the Fund will also be exposed to the volatility of the capital markets which may affect the returns of the Fund. Please note that the capital and returns of the Fund are not guaranteed.

### Key Risks

#### 6. What are the key risks associated with this product?

##### (a) General Investment Risks

**Market risk** - Market risk refers to potential losses that may arise from changes in the market conditions which in turn affect the market prices of the investments of the Fund. Market conditions are generally affected by, amongst others, social environment, political and economic stability. Any adverse market condition may affect the performance of the investments of the Fund resulting in changes to the market prices of those investments which in turn may affect the performance of the Fund.

**Fund management risk** - There is a risk that the fund manager may not adhere to the investment mandate of the Fund due to an oversight. Poor management of the Fund may also jeopardise the investment of a Unit Holder through the loss of his capital invested in the Fund. Therefore, the performance of the Fund is influenced by the expertise of the fund manager. This risk is mitigated by the role of the investment committee of the Manager which oversees the activities and performance of the fund manager and ensures that the Fund is managed in accordance to its objectives and any investment restrictions or policies applicable to the Fund.

**Performance risk** - The performance of the Fund depends on the investments of the Fund. If the investments of the Fund do not perform in accordance with expectations, there will be a negative impact on the performance of the Fund. This is where the experience and expertise of the fund manager is important as highlighted in the fund management risk write-up above. In view of the aforesaid, there is never a guarantee that investing in the Fund will produce the desired investment returns.

**Key Risks  
(Cont'd)**

**Inflation Risk** - This is the risk that investors' investment in the unit trust fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce investors' purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.

**Risk of non-compliance** - There is a risk that the Manager may not be able to observe the rules governing the Fund. It is the intention of the Manager to observe all rules governing the Fund at all times. However, both external factors (adverse market conditions, natural disasters or political instability) and internal factors (oversight by the portfolio manager, a lapse in the compliance function, or a clerical error) could impact the ability of the Manager to observe rules governing the Fund. Whilst non-compliance with the rules governing the Fund will not necessarily result in losses to the Fund, Unit Holder cannot discount the risk that losses may be suffered by the Fund if the non-compliance with the rules is sufficiently serious.

**Operational risk** - This risk refers to the possibility of a breakdown in the Manager's internal controls and policies. The breakdown may be a result of human error (for instance the keying of wrong details), system failure (causing unnecessary downtime) or even fraud (where employees of the Manager collude with one another). Whilst this risk may not necessarily cause monetary loss to the Fund, it will most certainly cause inconvenience to Unit Holders. The Manager will regularly review its internal policies and system capability to mitigate the occurrence of this risk. Additionally, the Manager maintains a strict segregation of duties to mitigate the occurrence of fraudulent practices amongst employees of the Manager.

**Returns are not guaranteed risk** - There is no guarantee on the investment returns to Unit Holders. Unlike fixed deposits which carry a specific rate of return, the Fund does not provide a fixed rate of return.

**(b) Specific Risks of investing in the Fund**

Below are some of the specific risks when investing in the Fund; they include but are not limited to:

**Security risk** - Prices of securities will fluctuate based on market conditions. Any adverse price movements as a result of newly available public information on financial performance, potential mergers and acquisitions, or loss of key personnel of a company will have an adverse impact on the Fund's NAV. The Manager strives to mitigate the impact of security risk by maintaining a sufficiently diversified portfolio.

**Equity related products risk** - The Fund may also invest in equity-related products such as warrants. The prices of warrants are typically linked to the underlying stock. However, the price and performance of such warrants will generally fluctuate more than the underlying stocks because of the greater volatility of the warrants market. Generally, as the warrants have a limited life, they will depreciate in value as they approach their maturity date, assuming that all other factors remain unchanged. Warrants that are not exercised at maturity will become worthless and negatively affect the NAV of the Fund.

**Credit or Default risk** - This risk refers to the possibility that an issuer, a financial institution, issuing fixed income securities, money market instruments will not be able to make interest payments in a timely manner leading to a reduction in the value of the Fund's investments and subsequently the value of the Fund. The risk also arises when the issuer of the investments of the Fund, for example, a financial institution defaults on its agreement, i.e. unable to service any income payments or pay the principal amount upon maturity. In such cases, investors may suffer significant capital losses with respect to their capital invested and income foregone. In general, this risk can be mitigated by placing moneys with financial institutions that are highly rated.

**Interest rate risk** - Interest rate fluctuations affect the returns of the Fund's investment in fixed income securities, money market instruments and deposits. Rates offered by the financial institutions will fluctuate according to the Overnight Policy Rate determined by Bank Negara Malaysia and this has direct correlation with the Fund's investments in money market instruments and deposits. The Fund benefits from higher interest rate and in the event the interest rate is low, the Fund's returns will also be low.

**Currency risk** - The Fund may be exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and currencies in which the investments are denominated. Investors should be aware that a depreciation of the currencies in which the investments are denominated against the Base Currency will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund and vice versa. Investors should also note that any gains or losses arising from fluctuations in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.

## Key Risks (Cont'd)

**Income distribution risk** - Distribution of income are not guaranteed and the Fund will only be able to make distribution from realized gains and/or realized income. As such, the Fund may not be able to make distributions if it does not receive such cash flows.

**Securities lending risk** - The Fund may engage in securities lending. If so, the Fund will have a credit risk exposure to the counterparties to any securities lending contract. The Fund's investments can be lent to counterparties over a period of time. A default by the counterparty combined with a fall in the value of the collateral below that of the value of the securities lent may have an adverse impact in the net asset value of the Fund.

**Risk associated with investment in structured products** - Investments in structured product are linked to the performance of specific underlying assets and are not equivalent to investment directly into those underlying assets. Generally, structured product has specified investment tenure. In the event the structure product unwinds before its maturity, the Fund may not be able to recoup the full principal amount.

Investments in structured product are also subject to credit and default risk of the issuer of the structured product. Where the issuer of the structured product is unable to meet its financial obligations towards the Fund, the value of the Fund will be adversely affected. This risk can be mitigated by having a stringent credit selection process for the issuer.

**A unit trust consultant (UTC) may represent a company that distributes unit trust fund that uses a nominee system and the rights as a unit holder may be limited if an investor invest in unit trust funds through it. If the company that distributes unit trust fund uses a nominee system, to state if rights as a unit holder will be limited in any way.**

**It is important to note that events affecting the investments cannot always be foreseen. Therefore, it is not always possible to protect investments against all risks. The various asset classes generally exhibit different levels of risk.**

**The investments of the Fund carry risk and you are recommended to read the whole Master Prospectus to assess the risk of the Fund. If necessary, you should consult your professional adviser(s) for a better understanding of the risks.**

## Fees & Charges

### 7. What are the fees and charges involved?

There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider them before contributing to the Fund.

Sales Charge	Up to 3.00%* <i>*Investors may negotiate for a lower sales charge directly with the Manager.</i>
Redemption Charge	Nil
Switching Fee	A differential sales charge on the amount switched will be imposed for switching from the Fund to other fund(s) managed by us.
Transfer Fee	Not applicable
Annual Management Fee	1.50% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.05% p.a. of the NAV, subject to a minimum of RM12,000 p.a

The sales charge will be added to the NAV in deriving the total cost to the investors. The computation is based on the NAV per Unit of the Fund that has not been rounded up.

**YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT OR ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT**

## Valuations and Exiting from Investment

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### 8. How often are valuations available?

The Fund will be valued on every Business Day and the Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit will be published on the Manager's website at [www.astutefm.com.my](http://www.astutefm.com.my). However, if the investments of the Fund are in foreign markets, the daily price of the Fund for a particular Business Day will not be published on the next day but will instead be published the next following day (i.e. the price will be available two (2) days later). You may also obtain the NAV per unit of the fund from our customer service at 03-20959999 or email at [enquiry@astutefm.com.my](mailto:enquiry@astutefm.com.my).

### 9. How can I exit from this investment and what are the risks and costs involved?

You may request to redeem your investment in the Fund at any point in time by completing the Quickform and returning it to the Manager on any Business Day by 11.00 a.m. Payment will be made to you on the within 10 Business Days from the day the redemption request is received by the Manager and provided that all documentation are completed and verifiable.

#### Cooling off-period

The cooling-off period is applicable to all first time investors except for corporation/institution, staff of the Manager and persons registered with a body approved by the SC to deal in unit trusts.

The cooling off right must be exercised within six (6) Business Days commencing from the date of receipt of the application for Units by the Manager. The refund for every Unit held by the investor pursuant to exercising his cooling off right shall be the sum of the NAV per Unit on the day the Units were first purchased and sales charge per Unit originally imposed on the day the Units were purchased.

Switching is strictly prohibited during cooling off period.

## Fund Performance

### Average Total Return (%)

Since Inception

ADMF	-0.12
Benchmark	-6.18

### Annual Total Return (%)

Financial Period end Dec 2022

ADMF	-0.12
Benchmark	-6.18

Source: Bloomberg

For the financial period ended 31 December 2022, the fund was down by 0.12%. This was above the Benchmark which fell by 6.18%.

### Basis of calculation and assumptions made in calculating the returns.

Average total return	$\frac{\text{Total returns of the years under review}}{\text{No. of years under review}}$
Annual total return	$\frac{(\text{NAV at the end of the period} - \text{NAV at the beginning of the period})}{\text{NAV at the beginning of the period}}$

### Income Distribution & Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR)

31.12.2022

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Gross Distribution Per Unit	-
Net Distribution Per Unit	-
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)	0.76

**PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

## Contact Information

### 10. Who should I contact for further information or to lodge a complaint?

(a) For internal dispute resolution, you may contact our Customer Service personnel:

**via phone to:**

03-2095 9999

**via fax to:**

03-2095 0693

**via email to:**

[enquiry@astutefm.com.my](mailto:enquiry@astutefm.com.my)

**via website to:**

[www.astutefm.com.my](http://www.astutefm.com.my)

**via letter to:**

Astute Fund Management Berhad  
(formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad)  
3rd Floor, Menara MBSB,  
46, Jalan Dungun, Damansara Heights,  
50490 Kuala Lumpur.

(b) If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Securities Industries Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC):

**via phone to:**

03-2282 2280

**via fax to:**

03-2282 3855

**via email to:**

[info@sidrec.com.my](mailto:info@sidrec.com.my)

**via letter to:**

Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)  
Unit A-9-1, Level 9, Tower A, Menara UOA Bangsar  
No 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur

(c) You can also direct your complaint to the SC even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

**via phone to:**

The Aduan Hotline  
03-6204 8999

**via fax to:**

03-6204 8991

**via email to:**

[aduan@seccom.com.my](mailto:aduan@seccom.com.my)

**via letter to:**

Consumer & Investor Office  
Securities Commission Malaysia  
No 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Bukit  
Kiara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur

**via online complaint**

form available at [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my)

(d) Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

**via phone to:**

03-20932600

**via fax to:**

03-20932700

**via email to:**

[complaints@fimm.com.my](mailto:complaints@fimm.com.my)

**via letter to:**

Legal & Regulatory Affairs  
Federation of Investment  
Managers Malaysia  
19-06-1, 6th Floor Wisma Tune  
No. 19, Lorong Dungun  
Damansara Heights  
50490 Kuala Lumpur

**via online complaint**

form available at [www.fimm.com.my](http://www.fimm.com.my)

## Glossary

NAV	Net Asset Value
p.a	Per annum
SC	Securities Commission