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## Product Highlights Sheet

### Brief Information of the Product

### Product Suitability

### Key Product Features

#### ASTUTE QUANTUM FUND

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

This is an open-ended Mixed Asset Growth and Income Fund, issued and managed by Astute Fund Management Berhad.

The Fund seeks to provide investors with capital appreciation and potential income distribution in the long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of investments. The Fund is neither capital guaranteed nor capital protected.

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

The Fund is suitable for investors who expect capital appreciation with potential income distribution and have medium to high risk tolerance.

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

Launch Date	12 April 2010 (re-launch).
Initial Offer Price	RM0.2500 (applicable during the initial offer period of not more than 21 calendar days from the commencement date of the Fund).
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 Prospectus and the provisions of the Deed.
Investment Strategy And Asset Allocation	<p>To invest in a diversified portfolio of debentures, equity and equity-related securities. The Fund may invest to a maximum of 100% of its NAV in equity and equity-related securities to maximise the returns of the Fund.</p> <p>During adverse market conditions, the Fund will increase its investment in Trustee Stocks that have consecutive dividend payment records of at least 5 years, fixed income instruments that have RAM or MARC credit ratings of at least Double A, or money market instruments from licensed Financial Institutions. The Fund will not take positions that would be inconsistent with the Fund's principal strategy irrespective of the market conditions.</p> <p>The Fund will hold a minimum investment of 40% of the NAV, in stocks or fixed income instruments or any other form of investment instruments which provide regular payments of dividends or its equivalent and permitted by the Securities Commission. We adopt an active investment management approach that is not a 'frequent-trading' strategy", however the frequency of its trading strategy will very much determine by the prevailing market opportunities.</p>
Benchmark	60% of FBM KLCI and 40% of Maybank Berhad 1-year fixed deposit rate.
Minimum Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cash Plan - RM1,000.00 for initial and RM100.00 for additional investment.</li> <li>ii. Monthly Regular Savings Plan – RM100.00 for initial and additional investment.</li> </ul>
Maximum Approved Fund Size	100,000,000 units.
Distribution Policy	Income distribution is incidental.

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

The Manager	Astute Fund Management Berhad
The Trustee	Maybank Trustees Berhad
Auditor	Crowe Malaysia PLT
Taxation Adviser	Mazars Taxation Services Sdn Bhd
Solicitor	Wei Chien & Partners
Principal Banker	Malayan Banking 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. The Fund is expected to produce capital appreciation due to its investment in the equity and equity related securities. The Fund's investment in Trustee stocks and debentures is also expected to provide regular income distribution. As the equity market is affected by many other factors, the net asset value of the Fund will also be affected by the volatility of the markets. Please note that the capital and returns of the Fund are not guaranteed.

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

##### 1. (a) General Investment Risks

**Country Risk** - Investments of the Fund in any countries may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the Fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the net asset value of the Fund or prices of units to fall.

**Manager's Risk** - This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the Fund by the Manager which will impact the performance of the Fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by the Manager, as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

**Risk of Non-Compliance** - Non-adherence with laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, internal policies and procedures may result in tarnished reputation, limited business opportunities and reduced expansion potential for the management company. Unit Holders' investment goals may also be affected if the Manager does not adhere to the investment mandate. The compliance unit of the management company, which oversees the entire compliance matters of the management company, will mitigate such risk.

**Market Risk** - Due to price fluctuations of securities/Shariah-compliant securities invested in by a Fund, the value of the Fund's investments may go up as well as down. The movement in securities/Shariah-compliant securities prices is influenced by a number of factors, which include changes in economic, political and social environments.

**Loan Financing Risk** - This risk occurs when investors take a loan/financing to finance their investment. The inherent risk of investing with borrowed/ financed money includes investors being unable to service the loan repayments/ financing payments. In the event units are used as collateral, an investor may be required to top-up the investor's existing instalment if the prices of units fall below a certain level due to market conditions. Failing which, the units may be sold at a lower net asset value per unit as compared to the net asset value per unit at the point of purchase towards settling the loan/ financing.

**Returns Are Not Guaranteed Risk** - There is no guarantee on the investment returns to Unit Holders. Unlike fixed deposits/ Islamic fixed deposits which carry a specific rate of return, the Fund does not provide a fixed rate of return. The income distribution is not guaranteed. There is a risk that there may not be any distribution of income for the particular Fund.

**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.

## Key Risks

## Key Risks (cont'd)

**Liquidity Risk** - Liquidity risk refers to the ease of liquidating an asset depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the Fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the Fund will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavorable prices.

**Futures/Islamic Futures Contract Risk** - The Fund's investments in futures/ Islamic futures contracts may result in potentially unlimited losses that are greater than the amount deposited with its designated brokers. The Fund may also be forced to unfavourably liquidate its futures contract positions under certain market conditions which will adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

**Credit and Default Risk** - Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the debt instruments and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer may impact the value as well as liquidity of the debt instrument. In the case of rated debt instruments, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a debt instrument either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the debt instruments. This could adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

**Individual Stock Risk** - Risk that is specific to a stock and is not correlated with the specific risks of other stocks. Examples of such risks are poor management due to the departure of key management staff, loss of market share to competitors due to changes in the environment, and shifts in consumer demand due to changes in fashion and taste.

**Warrants/Shariah-compliant Warrants Risk** - Warrants risk have a limited life with a specified expiry date. After this date, warrants/ Shariah-compliant warrants can no longer be traded or exercised. Warrants/ Shariah-compliant warrants are worthless if they are not exercised before the expiry date. It is also important to note that warrants/ Shariah-compliant warrants experience time decay (erosion of their time value) throughout their life, and the rate of the decay accelerated as warrants Shariah-complaint warrants near expiry.

**Suspension of Repurchase Request Risk** - Having considered the best interests of Unit Holders, the repurchase requests by the Unit Holders may be subject to suspension due to exceptional circumstances, where the market value or fair value of a material portion of the Fund's assets cannot be determined. In such case, Unit Holders will not be able to redeem their Units and will be compelled to remain invested in the Fund for a longer period of time. Hence, their investments will continue to be subject to the risks inherent to the Fund.

### (b) Specific Risks associated with the investment portfolio of the fund

**Market Risk** - The market price of securities/Shariah-compliant securities owned by the Funds might go down or up, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Securities/Shariah-compliant securities may decline in value due to factors affecting the securities market generally or particular industries represented in the securities market. At times, the market environment which typically includes changes in regulations, politics, and the economy of the country would affect the market value of securities/Shariah-compliant securities. Market risk is also influenced by global economics and geopolitical developments. The Funds may mitigate the risk by engaging in derivatives/Islamic derivatives contracts like futures/Islamic futures and options/Islamic options to protect the value of underlying securities. In the event derivatives contracts are unavailable or prohibited, the Manager will sell down our equity investment and hold cash to preserve the capital during adverse market conditions.

Since the major portions of the Funds' investment are in the equity securities/Shariah-compliant equity securities, the Unit price of the Funds will fluctuate in line with market performance. Equity securities/Shariah-compliant equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities or sukuk.

**Individual Stock Risk** - The Funds' portfolio comprises a spread of counters. However, the weak performance of individual counters invested can affect the overall NAV of the Funds and therefore the price of the Units. This risk may be mitigated through the well-diversified nature of the Funds' portfolio.

**Warrant Risk** - Warrants/Shariah-compliant warrants have a limited life, as denoted by the expiry date of each issue. After this date, warrants/Shariah-compliant warrants can no longer be traded or exercised. Hence, the warrants/Shariah-compliant warrants are worthless after their expiry date. It must also be noted that warrants/Shariah-compliant warrants experience time decay (erosion of their time value) throughout their life, and that the rate of this decay accelerates as warrants/Shariah-compliant warrants near expiry.

## Key Risks (cont'd)

**Negative Return Risk** - The Fund will generate a negative return whenever the stock market is bearish. To minimise the negative return, the Manager will reduce the exposure of equity/Shariah-compliant equity investment in the Fund.

**Dividend Payment Risk** - Dividend stocks may declare less-than-expected dividend payment. This may happen due to an unfavorable business condition. In this regard, the Manager

### (c) Specific Risks for investing in fixed income securities/Islamic fixed income securities

**Interest Rate Risk** - Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of debt instruments/Shariah-compliant debt instruments. When interest rates rise, debt instruments/Shariah-compliant debt instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the Fund's investment in debt instruments/Shariah-compliant debt instruments. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. In order to mitigate interest rate risk, the Manager will need to manage the debt portfolio taking into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the debt instruments/Shariah-compliant debt instruments.

**Credit risk** - Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the debt instruments/Shariah-compliant debt instruments and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer may impact the value as well as liquidity of the debt instrument/Shariah-compliant debt instruments. In the case of rated debt instruments/Shariah-compliant debt instruments, this may lead to a credit rating downgrade.

**2. 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	Nil.
Redemption Charge	Nil.
Switching Fee	3 free switches per account are allowed in each calendar year. Further switches will be subject to a 1% charge based on proceeds of redemption.
Transfer Fee	RM5 per transfer.
Annual Management Fee	1.50% p.a. of the NAV (before deducting the management fee and trustee fee).
Trustee Fee	0.05% (before deducting the management fee and trustee fee for the relevant day), subject to a minimum of RM16,000 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

### 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 between 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Payment will be made to you within seven (7) Business days from the day the redemption request is received by the Manager and provided that all documentations 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 (%)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
AQF	-15.49	1.01	-0.14	-3.71
Benchmark	-1.74	-0.12	-0.97	1.75

### Annual Total Return (%)

Financial Year End	Dec 2022	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Dec 2015	Dec 2014	Dec 2013
AQF	-15.49	5.31	15.76	11.46	-13.52	15.15	-9.20	-7.07	-20.08	3.47
Benchmark	-1.74	-1.36	2.80	-2.35	-2.18	6.90	-0.48	-0.94	-2.13	7.62

Source: Bloomberg

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the fund was down by 15.49%. This was below the Benchmark which fell by 1.74%.

### 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 RM	31.12.2021 RM	31.12.2020 RM
Gross Distribution Per Unit	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
Net Distribution Per Unit	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)	<b>2.19*</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<i>*the PTR for the financial year was higher compared with previous financial year as there were increased investment activities during the financial year under review.</i>			

**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  
3rd Floor, Menara Dungun,  
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 8991      **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
FBM KLCI	FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI
SC	Securities Commission