



ASTUTE DANA ASLAH (ADA)

(formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah)

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2022

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1. FUND INFORMATION

NAME OF FUND	Astute Dana Aslah (ADA) (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah)																		
TYPE OF FUND	Growth and Income																		
CATEGORY OF FUND	Mixed Asset																		
INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE	To invest in stock listed on the Bursa Malaysia Main Market and to allow the Fund Manager to invest in equity, up to 100% of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund, subject to a minimum investment of 40% of the NAV, in stocks or fixed income instruments or any other form of investment instruments which provided regular payments of dividends or its equivalent and permitted by the Securities Commission, which comply with the Shariah principle.																		
PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK	Weighted average of: ❖ 60% of FBMS ❖ 40% of 12 months Maybank Berhad investment account rate (Source: Bursa Malaysia and Maybank Berhad) “The risk profile of the performance benchmark is not the same as the risk profile of the Fund.”																		
FUND DISTRIBUTION POLICY	Subject to availability of distribution surplus and approval of the Trustee, the Fund may make annual distribution. The amount of income available for distribution, after deducting expenses incurred by the Fund, may fluctuate from year to year. Generally, in the absence of written instructions from the Unit holders, income for the Fund will be automatically reinvested into additional Units of the Fund at NAV per Unit on income payment date. Unit holders who wish to realise any income can do so by redeeming Units held in the Fund. For reinvestment into additional units, no sales charges will be imposed.																		
UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND DIRECTORS OF THE MANAGER	<table><tr><td></td><td>2022(Unit)</td><td>2021 (Unit)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of the Manager</td><td>-</td><td>24,025</td></tr></table>						2022(Unit)	2021 (Unit)	Director of the Manager	-	24,025								
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2. FUND PERFORMANCE

Summary of performance data is as follows:

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM	31.12.2020 RM
Portfolio Composition:			
- Equity securities	83.88	95.45	93.08
- Shariah-compliant securities	-	-	4.71
- Liquid assets and others	16.12	4.55	2.21
Net Assets Value (RM)	6,990,103	8,619,488	10,635,220
Number of Units in Circulation	8,006,010	8,818,091	11,043,979
Net Asset Value per Units (RM)	0.8731	0.9775	0.9630
Highest NAV Price for the period under review (RM)	0.8758	1.0257	0.9630
Lowest NAV Price for the period under review (RM)	0.8061	0.9333	0.7695
Total Return for the period under review (RM)			
- Capital growth	104,156	55,769	2,750,105
- Income distribution	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expenses Ratio (TER) (%)	1.16*	1.16	1.15
<i>*there was no significant changes in the TER.</i>			
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)	0.22*	0.15	0.45
<i>*the PTR for the financial period was higher compared with previous financial period as there were lower average NAV during the financial period under review.</i>			

	Total Return		Average Total Return	
	ADA	Index	ADA	Index
1 Year	-6.82	-5.54	-6.82	-5.54
3 Year	12.53	-1.77	SSSS4.17	-0.59
5 Year	11.76	-5.05	2.35	-1.01
Since Inception 11 May 2010	82.78	34.31	6.54	2.71

Annual total return for each of the last five financial year ended	ADA	Index
30.06.2022	-7.29	-7.61
30.06.2021	26.40	1.72
30.06.2020	-7.64	1.15
30.06.2019	2.60	1.76
30.06.2018	-6.45	-2.05

Source: Bloomberg

*Notes:

1. Total returns as at 31.12.2022. Total returns are calculated based in NAV per unit, adjusted for income distribution, if any.
2. The basis of calculation for the average total return is by dividing the total return by the numbers of years.

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Unit prices and investment returns may fluctuate.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

FUND'S OBJECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

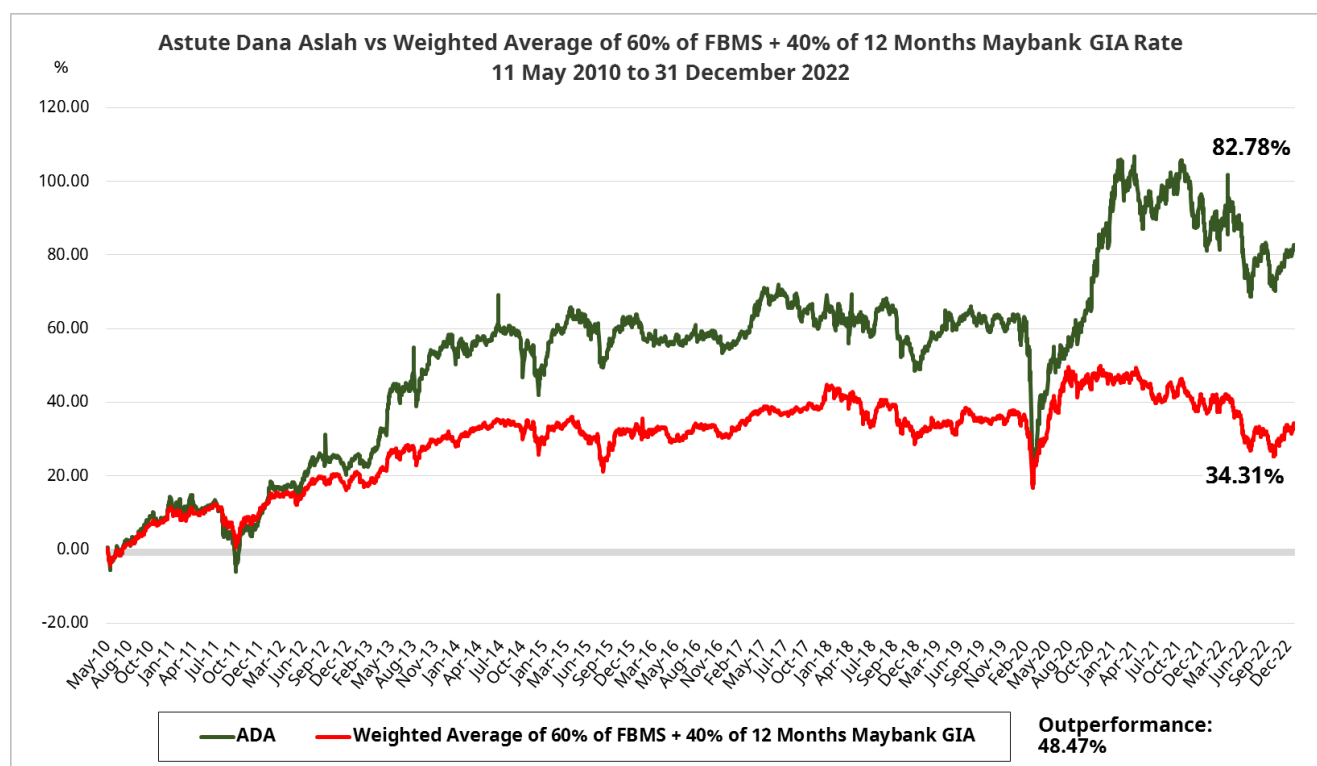
The Fund has achieved its stated objective to invest in stocks listed in Bursa Malaysia Main Market and to allow the Fund Manager to invest in equity up to 100% of NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum investment of 40% of the NAV, in stocks or fixed income instruments or any other form of investment instruments which provided regular payments of dividends or its equivalent and permitted by the Securities Commission which comply with the Shariah principles.

For the period ended 31st December 2022, the Fund had achieved a total return of 82.78% since 11th May 2010. The benchmark return was 34.31% for the same period.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

For the six-month period ended 31st December 2022, the Fund had achieved a positive return of 3.74% against the benchmark return of 3.13%, resulting in the outperformance against the benchmark of 0.61%. The total NAV of the Fund decreased to RM 6,990,103 as at 31st December 2022 from RM 7,181,481 as at 30th June 2022. The decrease in NAV was mainly due to redemption by unitholders.

PERFORMANCE OF ASTUTE DANA ASLAH VS BENCHMARK INDEX SINCE 11 MAY 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022 ADA HAS OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX 48.47%



Source: Bloomberg

Astute Dana Aslah (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah)

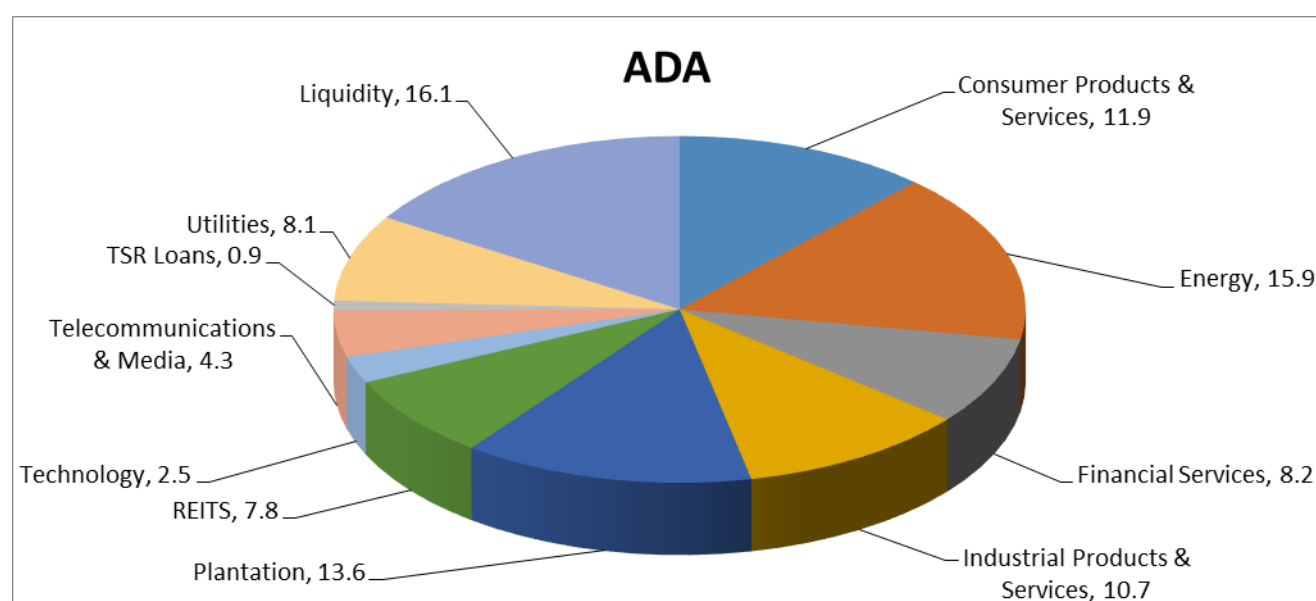
STRATEGIES EMPLOYED

The Fund had adopted the top-down and bottom up approach for its investment strategy. The investment policy was to invest in mostly undervalued companies with good potential of growth.

The fund consists of only in shares or warrants that were listed on the Bursa Malaysia. In term of market sector, the Fund had concentrated mainly in the areas of Plantation, Energy and Consumer Products.

Investment strategy will remain centered on well-managed liquid stocks that exhibit good growth prospects with strong earning visibility. Stocks with strong cash flows, decent yield and have proactive capital management will also be considered.

ASSET ALLOCATION



ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR ASAT 31 DECEMBER 2022

QUOTED SECURITIES	31 DEC 2022	31 DEC 2021
Construction	-	6.5
Consumer Products & Services	11.9	13.3
Energy	15.9	11.4
Financial Services	8.2	7.6
Fixed Income Securities	-	-
Industrial Products & Services	10.7	14.2
Plantation	13.6	-
REITS	7.8	6.8
Technology	2.5	24.6
Telecommunications & Media	4.3	2.1
TSR Loans	0.9	0.8
Utilities	8.1	-
Liquidity	16.1	4.6

MARKET REVIEW

The second half of 2022 saw an acceleration of the global rate hike cycle as central banks moved to cool inflation. The US Federal Funds Effective Rate ("US FFER") rose from 1.21% in June to 4.100% in December. As rates rose, the US 10-year Treasury yields rose from 2.959% at the end of June to peak at 4.219% in mid-October. Between July to December, Malaysia raised the Overnight Policy Rate from 2.000% to 2.750% in attempts to keep pace with the US FFER whilst mitigating the Malaysian Ringgit's decline against the US Dollar.

Companies and sectors with high borrowings, operating in cyclical, industrials and technology sectors and markets were hard-hit by the rising inflation and interest rates (lowering profitability), downturn in semiconductor and smartphone sales, higher bond yields (impacting stock valuations). Global chipmakers started guiding for lower sales and expansion expenditures for 2023. Amidst rising concerns of high interest rates causing economies to fall into recession, commodity prices started declining. As recession risks heightened, even production cuts in crude oil failed to sustain prices as it fell from nearly US\$130/bbl to the US\$70/bbl levels. Other commodity prices started to decline from the third quarter onwards.

In the fourth quarter of 2022, uncertainties in the run-up to Malaysia's general elections persisted to the year-end even though the new Prime Minister gained a motion of confidence in Parliament. Reprieve was seen after global markets rebounded from intra-year lows in October after US inflation started declining as commodity prices fell, COVID-related logistics bottlenecks eased and China rapidly reversed from its zero-tolerance policy on COVID. The US Fed Fund futures also implied a peaking of US interest rates at 5.00% in the first half of 2023, prompting regional and local technology sectors to rebound in the fourth quarter of 2022.

During the period, the main sectors that outperformed the local market benchmark were consumer (rebound in spending after Malaysia relaxed travel restrictions in April 2022), financials (expansion in net interest margins from rising OPR and rebound in loans growth from economic reopening), telecommunications (finalization of fifth-generation cellular network rollout) and transportation (benefitted from the relaxation of COVID-19 travel restrictions and rebound in trade) and utilities (defensive during volatile markets).

Sectors that underperformed the market barometer in the second half of 2022 were plantation (due to weaker crude palm oil prices as supply concerns on edible oils eased), construction (lack of mega project catalysts from Malaysia's Budget 2023), technology (weighed down by the global semiconductor downcycle and rising bond yields in the third quarter of 2022), healthcare (lower glove selling prices as COVID transitioned to endemic stage and travel restrictions were lifted), and real estate (weighed down by higher bond yields and mortgage rates).

MARKET OUTLOOK

During the earlier part of the period under review, the Fund benefitted from the rotation from "growth" stocks such as technology to "value" stocks whose underlying businesses were in primary industries. As the US Fed postured to raise rates throughout the period, growth stocks fell, whereas Malaysia, with a dominant plantation sector, became more attractive as its markets are dominated by "old economy" value plays and beneficiaries of the commodity price surges.

The Fund was underweight technology and was less impacted by the sector's sell-off. The funds exposure commodity-related sectors such as crude palm oil gained as upstream planters rewarded shareholders with higher dividends. Similarly, the fund's exposure in financials, utilities, and consumers benefited.

Going into 2023, the Fund's investment posture is positive. Based on indicators as at the end of December 2022, Malaysia remains cheap at a 2023 price-earnings ratio ("PER") of 14.6x (-1.0 standard deviation, below its 5-year average of 16.1x). Price-to-book ratio and dividend yields are also attractive at 1.4x (below the 5-year average of 1.55x) and 4.3% (above its 5Y average of 3.6%).

Additional upside catalysts for the market includes the end of the US policy rate hike cycle, falling inflation and bond yields (positive for growth equities, such as technology), and depreciating US Dollar (positive for funds flows into regional and local equities). In Malaysia, any significant reforms by the new government may be regarded positively by foreign investors and prompt a re-rating of Malaysian equities.

Aside from investing in attractively-valued companies, the Fund is expected to raise exposure to sectors linked to the China reopening (e.g. hospitality, consumer, commodities, and industrial products) and lower bond yields (e.g. real estate, technology).

SOFT COMMISSION

The Manager will retain soft commissions received from stockbrokers, provided they are of demonstrable benefit to the Unit Holders. The soft commissions may take form of goods and services such as data and quotation services, computer software and investment related publications which are incidental to the management of the Fund. Rebates, if any, will be directed to the account of the Fund.

During the period under review the Manager received data and quotation services and investment related publications which are incidental to the Fund investment.

4. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF ASTUTE DANA ASLAH (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah) ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the six months financial period ended 31 December 2022 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, **Astute Fund Management Berhad (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad)** has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

- a) Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
- b) Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
- c) Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For and on behalf of
CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad

Datin Ezreen Eliza binti Zulkiplee
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
27 February 2023

5. SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF ASTUTE DANA ASLAH (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah) ("Fund")

We hereby confirm the following:

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

The Shariah Committee of Astute Fund Management Berhad as Shariah Adviser for **Astute Dana Aslah** consists of the following members:

Dr.Mohamad Sabri bin Haron
Dr.Ab.Halim bin Muhammad
Mohd Fadhly bin Md.Yusoff

Signed on behalf of the members

Dr. Mohamad Sabri Bin Haron
Chairman, Shariah Committee

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Date: 27 February 2023

6. STATEMENT BY MANAGER

We, Clement Chew Kuan Hock and Y.M.Dato' Tunku Ahmad Zahir Bin Tunku Ibrahim, being two of the directors of Astute Fund Management Berhad (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad), do hereby state that, in opinion of the Manager, the accompanying financial statements of Astute Dana Aslah (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah) are drawn up in accordance with the Deed, Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of Astute Dana Aslah (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah) as at 31 December 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the financial period ended on that date.

For and on behalf of the Manager

Astute Fund Management Berhad
(formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad)

CLEMENT CHEW KUAN HOCK
Director

**Y.M. DATO' TUNKU AHMAD ZAHIR BIN
TUNKU IBRAHIM**
Director

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
27 February 2023

6.1 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2022

	NOTE	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Gross dividend income		154,243	130,167
Profit income:			
- Shariah-compliant investment		-	634
- Shariah-based deposits		6,126	786
Realised gains on sale of investments		89,702	223,117
Unrealised gains on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss ("FVPL")		104,156	55,769
Other income		216	192
		<u>354,443</u>	<u>410,665</u>
LESS: EXPENSES			
Management fee	5	67,439	92,966
Trustee's fee	6	3,458	4,768
Auditors' remuneration:		2,912	3,128
Tax agent's fee		1,274	2,618
Administrative expenses		5,305	6,262
Transaction costs		11,470	7,684
		<u>91,858</u>	<u>117,426</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE TAXATION		262,585	293,239
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	7	<u>(1,683)</u>	<u>(1,427)</u>
NET INCOME AFTER TAXATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		260,902	291,812
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u>260,902</u>	<u>291,812</u>
Total comprehensive income for the financial period is made up as follows:			
- realised		156,746	236,043
- unrealised		104,156	55,769

The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Astute Dana Aslah (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah)

6.2 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL POSITION

As At 31 December 2022

	NOTE	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
ASSETS			
INVESTMENTS			
Quoted equity securities	8	5,863,527	8,226,997
Shariah-based deposits		804,066	-
		<u>6,667,593</u>	<u>8,226,997</u>
OTHER ASSETS			
Sundry receivables and deposit	9	20,995	42,925
Cash at bank		327,502	433,663
		<u>348,497</u>	<u>476,588</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>7,016,090</u>	<u>8,703,585</u>
NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") AND LIABILITY			
NAV			
Unitholders' capital		5,261,042	5,968,720
Retained earnings		1,729,061	2,650,768
TOTAL NAV	10	<u>6,990,103</u>	<u>8,619,488</u>
LIABILITIES			
Sundry payable and accruals	11	14,323	68,870
Amount owing to Manager		11,095	14,484
Amount owing to Trustee		569	743
TOTAL LIABILITY		<u>25,987</u>	<u>84,097</u>
TOTAL NAV AND LIABILITY		<u>7,016,090</u>	<u>8,703,585</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	10.1	<u>8,006,010</u>	<u>8,818,091</u>
NAV PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.8731</u>	<u>0.9775</u>

The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

6.3 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE

For the Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2022

	NOTE	Unitholders' capital RM	Retained earnings RM	Total equity RM
At 1 July 2021		7,135,464	2,358,956	9,494,420
Net income after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period		-	291,812	291,812
Contribution by and distributions to the unitholders of the Fund :				
- creation of units	10.1	5,300	-	5,300
- cancellation of units	10.1	(1,172,044)	-	(1,172,044)
Total transactions with unitholders of the fund		(1,166,744)	-	(1,166,744)
Balance at 31 December 2021		5,968,720	2,650,768	8,619,488
At 1 July 2022		5,713,322	1,468,159	7,181,481
Net income after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period		-	260,902	260,902
Contribution by and distributions to the unitholders of the Fund :				
- creation of units	10.1	3,802	-	3,802
- cancellation of units	10.1	(456,082)	-	(456,082)
Total transactions with unitholders of the fund		(452,280)	-	(452,280)
Balance at 31 December 2022		5,261,042	1,729,061	6,990,103

The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

6.4 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CASH FLOWS

For The Six Months Financial Period ended 31 December 2022

	NOTE	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,131,427	1,933,484
Purchase of investments		(965,447)	(876,585)
Dividend income received		151,585	104,192
Profit from Shariah-based deposits received		6,066	8,831
Management fee paid		(68,217)	(94,057)
Trustee's fee paid		(3,498)	(4,823)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(22,759)	(19,151)
Others income		216	-
NET CASH FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES		1,229,373	1,051,891
CASH FLOWS FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from units created		3,802	5,300
Payment for units cancelled		(456,082)	(1,116,577)
NET CASH FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(452,280)	(1,111,277)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE)IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		777,093	(59,386)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		354,475	493,049
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	12	1,131,568	433,663

The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

6.5 NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2022

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Astute Dana Aslah (formerly known as Apex Dana Aslah) (“the Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 10 August 2000, First Supplemental Deed dated 23 February 2010, Second Supplemental Deed dated 25 April 2014, Third Supplemental Deed dated 3 August 2015, Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 19 March 2018 and Fifth Supplemental deed dated 22 April 2022 (collectively referred to as “the Deeds”) between the Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad), the Trustee, CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad and the registered unitholders of the Fund. As declared in Section 3 of the First Schedule to the Supplemental Deed, the Fund is a unit trust scheme to be managed and administered in accordance with Shariah Principles.

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in ‘Permitted Investments’ as defined in the Fifth Schedule of the Deeds. The Fund commenced operations on 18 September 2000 (date of inception) and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee or the Manager as provided under Clauses 13.1, 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 of the Deeds.

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest in stocks listed under the Bursa Malaysia Main Market. The Fund Manager is allowed to invest in equity up to 100% of the NAV of the Fund. The investment mandate is further subjected to 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, which comply with Shariah Principles.

The Manager is Astute Fund Management Berhad (Formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad), a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activity of the Manager is the management of unit trust and wholesale funds.

2. CHANGE OF NAME

On 24 May 2022, the Fund changed its name from Apex Dana Aslah to Astute Dana Aslah.

3. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements of the Fund are prepared under the historical cost convention and modified to include other bases of valuation as disclosed in other sections under significant accounting policies, and in compliance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRSs”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”).

3.1 During the current financial period, the Fund has adopted the following new accounting standards (including the consequential amendments, if any):-

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential Amendments)

Amendments to MFRS 3: Reference to the Conceptual Framework

Amendment to MFRS 16: Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021

Amendments to MFRS 116: Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use

Amendments to MFRS 137: Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract

3. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

The adoption of the above accounting standards and/or interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any) did not have any material impact on the Fund's financial statements.

- 3.2 The Fund has not applied in advance the following accounting standards and interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any) that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board but are not yet effective for the current financial period:-

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential Amendments)	Effective Date
MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred
Amendments to MFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 17: Initial Application of MFRS17 and MFRS 9 – Comparative Information	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 108: Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023

The adoption of the above accounting standards and/or interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any) is expected to have no material impact on the financial statements of the Fund upon their initial application.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4.1 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, the management is not aware of any judgements that have significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are also no assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation of uncertainties at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period.

4.2 FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

The functional currency of the Fund is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates.

The financial statements of the Fund are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") which is the functional and presentation currency of the Fund.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

4.3 INCOME RECOGNITION

(a) Dividend Income

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the right to receive dividend payment is established.

(b) Realised Gains or Losses on Sale of Investments

Realised gain or loss on the sale of an investment is recognised when the sale is contracted, based on the sale proceeds less cost which is determined on the weighted average cost basis.

(c) Profit Income

Profit income is recognised on a time proportion basis taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective profit rates applicable.

4.4 INCOME TAXES

Current tax assets and liabilities are expected amount of income tax recoverable or payable to the taxation authorities.

Current taxes are measured using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period and are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognised outside profit or loss (either in other comprehensive income or directly in changes in NAV).

4.5 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Fund has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial instruments are classified as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement and their definitions in MFRS 132. Profit, dividends, gains and losses relating to a financial instrument classified as a liability are reported as an expense or income. Distributions to holders of financial instruments classified as equity are charged directly to equity.

Financial instruments are offset when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends to settle either on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

A financial instrument is recognised initially at its fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instrument (other than a financial instrument at fair value through profit or loss) are added to/deducted from the fair value on initial recognition, as appropriate. Transaction costs on the financial instrument at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial instruments recognised in the statement of financial position are disclosed in the individual policy statement associated with each item.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

4.5 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

(a) Financial Assets

All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value (through profit or loss, or other comprehensive income), depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Debt Instruments

(i) Amortised Cost

The financial asset is held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset. When the asset has subsequently become credit-impaired, the interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts), excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the financial asset or a shorter period (where appropriate).

(ii) Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income

The financial asset is held for both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial asset, where the asset's cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve, except for the recognition of impairment, interest income and foreign exchange difference which are recognised directly in profit or loss. Interest income is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

(iii) Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL)

All other financial assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund reclassifies debt instruments when and only when its business model for managing those assets change.

Equity Instruments

All equity investments are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses recognised in profit or loss except where the Fund has elected to present the subsequent changes in fair value in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve at initial recognition.

The designation at fair value through other comprehensive income is not permitted if the equity investment is either held for trading or is designated to eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

4.5 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

(a) Financial Assets (Cont'd)

Equity Instruments (Cont'd)

Dividend income from this category of financial assets is recognised in profit or loss when the Fund's right to receive payment is established unless the dividends clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the equity investments.

(b) Financial Liabilities

(i) Financial Liabilities at FVPL

Fair value through profit or loss category comprises financial liabilities that are either held for trading or are designated to eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise. The changes in fair value of these financial liabilities are recognised in profit or loss.

(ii) Other Financial Liabilities

Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts), through the expected life of the financial liability or a shorter period (where appropriate).

(c) Equity Instruments

Equity instruments classified as equity are measured at cost and are not remeasured subsequently.

(i) Unitholders' Capital

Unitholders' capital are classified as equity and recorded at the proceeds received, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria of puttable instruments classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 – Financial Instruments Presentation. Those criteria include:-

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

4.5 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

(c) Equity Instruments (Cont'd)

(i) Unitholders' Capital (Cont'd)

- 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 on substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

(ii) NAV Attributable to Unitholders

NAV attributable to unitholders represents the total NAV in the statement of financial position, which is carried at the redemption amount that would be payable at the end of the reporting period if the unitholders exercised the right to redeem units of the Fund.

Units are created or cancelled at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of the creation or cancellation. The Fund's NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to the unitholders with the total issued and paid-up units as of that date.

(iii) Distributions

Distributions are at the discretion of the Fund. A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a reduction from realised reserves. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved.

(d) Derecognition

A financial asset or part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss. In addition, on derecognition of a debt instrument classified as fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the fair value reserve is reclassified from equity to profit or loss. In contrast, there is no subsequent reclassification of the fair value reserve to profit or loss following the derecognition of an equity investment.

4.6 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, bank balances, demand deposits and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value with original maturity periods of three months or less.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

4.7 CLASSIFICATION OF REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS AND LOSSES

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

Realised gains and losses on disposal of financial instruments classified as part of at fair value through profit or loss are calculated using the weighted average method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount.

4.8 IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Fund recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on investments in debt instruments that are measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income, receivables, short-term deposits with financial institutions and cash at bank.

The expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Fund in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument. The Fund always recognises lifetime expected credit losses for receivables, short-term deposits with financial institutions and cash at bank using the simplified approach. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Fund's historical credit loss experience and are adjusted for forward-looking information (including time value of money where appropriate).

For all other financial instruments, the Fund recognises lifetime expected credit losses when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12 month expected credit losses.

The Fund recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account, except for investments in debt instruments that are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, for which the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the statement of financial position.

4.9 OPERATING SEGMENTS

An operating segment is a component of the Fund that engages in business activities from which it may earn income and incur expenses, including income and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Fund's other components. An operating segment's operating results are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

4.10 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is 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, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using a valuation technique. The measurement assumes that the transaction takes place either in the principal market or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market. For non-financial asset, the fair value measurement takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

For financial reporting purposes, the fair value measurements are analysed into level 1 to level 3 as follows:-

Level 1: Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liability that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The transfer of fair value between levels is determined as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

5. MANAGEMENT FEE

Clause 14.1 of the Deed provides that the Manager is entitled to a management fee computed daily on the net asset value attributed to unitholders of the Fund at a rate not exceeding 2.0% (1/7/2021 - 31/12/2021 - 2.0%) per annum. The management fee recognised in the financial statements is based on 1.95% (1/7/2021 - 31/12/2021 - 1.95%) per annum for the financial period.

6. TRUSTEE'S FEE

Clause 14.2 of the Deed provides that the Trustee is entitled to a fee at such rate as may be agreed from time to time between the Manager and the Trustee at a rate not exceeding 0.20% (1/7/2021 - 31/12/2021 - 0.20%) per annum. The Trustee's fee recognised in the financial statements is computed daily at 0.10% (1/7/2021 - 31/12/2021 - 0.10%) per annum of the net asset value attributable to unitholders of the Fund.

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Income tax for the financial period	1,683	1,427

Domestic income tax is calculated at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2021 - 24%) of the estimated assessable profit for the financial period.

8. QUOTED INVESTMENT

At 31 December 2022	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
8.1 EQUITY INVESTMENTS				
<u>BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES</u>				
<u>MAIN MARKET</u>				
<u>CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SERVICES</u>				
3A Resources Berhad	66,000	60,808	65,340	0.93
Hong Leong Industries Berhad	52,800	451,938	485,760	6.95
MBR Resources Berhad	85,500	284,466	280,440	4.01
		797,212	831,540	11.89
<u>ENERGY</u>				
Dialog Group Berhad	286,500	791,020	701,925	10.04
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	382,000	357,848	408,740	5.85
		1,148,868	1,110,665	15.89
<u>FINANCIAL SERVICES</u>				
BIMB Holdings Berhad	134,100	423,818	366,093	5.24
Bursa Malaysia Berhad	30,700	209,690	204,155	2.92
		633,508	570,248	8.16
<u>INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES</u>				
Annjoo Resources Berhad	95,700	107,052	104,313	1.49
Malayan Cement Berhad	166,900	497,369	353,828	5.06
Press Metal Berhad	59,900	371,205	292,312	4.18
		975,626	750,453	10.73
<u>PLANTATION</u>				
Innoprise Plantation Berhad	266,800	431,225	424,212	6.07
United Plantation Berhad	34,300	523,624	524,790	7.51
		954,849	949,002	13.58
<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>				
Mi Technovation Berhad	133,800	174,336	173,940	2.49
<u>TELECOMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA</u>				
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	56,200	322,039	303,480	4.34
<u>UTILITIES</u>				
Taliworks Corporation Berhad	653,333	565,595	565,306	8.09
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS		5,572,033	5,254,634	75.17

8. QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

At 31 December 2022 (Cont'd)	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
8.2 NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS				
<u>REITS</u>				
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	304,977	539,323	545,909	7.81
<u>TSR LOANS</u>				
AirAsia Group Berhad – LA	81,533	61,150	55,035	0.79
AirAsia Group Berhad – WA	40,766	-	7,949	0.11
		61,150	62,984	0.90
TOTAL NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS		600,473	608,893	8.71
TOTAL QUOTED INVESTMENTS		6,172,506	5,863,527	83.88

At 31 December 2021	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
8.1 EQUITY INVESTMENTS				
<u>BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES</u>				
<u>MAIN MARKET</u>				
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>				
Gamuda Berhad	144,000	478,152	417,600	4.84
IJM Corporation Berhad	95,800	183,274	145,616	1.69
		661,426	563,216	6.53
<u>CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SERVICES</u>				
AirAsia Group Berhad	244,600	270,430	193,234	2.24
Hong Leong Industries Berhad	50,600	431,138	464,508	5.39
Malayan Flour Mills Berhad	492,200	441,231	337,157	3.91
Padini Holdings Berhad	55,300	147,991	154,840	1.80
		1,290,790	1,149,739	13.34
<u>ENERGY</u>				
Dialog Group Berhad	270,500	756,022	708,710	8.22
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	332,700	296,655	271,151	3.15
		1,052,677	979,861	11.37

8. QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

At 31 December 2021 (Cont'd)	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
8.1 EQUITY INVESTMENTS				
<u>BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES</u>				
<u>MAIN MARKET</u>				
<u>FINANCIAL SERVICES</u>				
BIMB Holdings Berhad	90,500	293,186	271,500	3.15
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga Berhad	104,129	316,829	385,277	4.47
		610,015	656,777	7.62
<u>INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES</u>				
Dufu Technology Corp. Berhad	10,300	37,145	44,187	0.51
Malayan Cement Berhad	239,900	714,912	611,745	7.10
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad	29,500	248,345	263,140	3.05
SKP Resources Berhad	174,175	228,528	303,064	3.53
		1,228,930	1,222,136	14.19
<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>				
Frontken Corporation Berhad	125,100	400,558	500,400	5.81
KESM Industries Berhad	34,900	383,895	428,572	4.97
MI Technovation Berhad	71,200	286,949	240,656	2.79
Malaysian Pacific Industries Berhad	12,500	171,104	617,000	7.16
Unisem (M) Berhad	82,400	155,217	336,192	3.90
		1,397,723	2,122,820	24.63
<u>TELECOMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA</u>				
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	32,800	202,019	180,400	2.09
<u>UTILITIES</u>				
Taliworks Corporation Berhad	804,533	696,276	695,921	8.07
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS		7,139,856	7,570,870	87.84
8.2 NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS				
<u>REITS</u>				
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	303,117	536,050	588,047	6.82
<u>TSR LOANS</u>				
AirAsia Group Berhad – LA	81,533	61,150	59,519	0.69
AirAsia Group Berhad – WA	40,766	-	8,561	0.10
		61,150	68,080	0.79
TOTAL NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS		597,200	656,127	7.61
TOTAL QUOTED INVESTMENTS		7,737,056	8,226,997	95.45

9. SUNDRY RECEIVABLES AND DEPOSIT

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Dividends receivable	20,835	42,825
Profit receivable from Shariah-based deposit	60	-
Sundry deposit	100	100
	<u>20,995</u>	<u>42,925</u>

10. TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE

	Note	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Unitholders' capital	10.1	5,261,042	5,968,720
Retained earnings:			
- realised reserve	10.2	2,038,286	2,160,977
- unrealised reserve	10.3	(309,225)	489,791
		<u>1,729,061</u>	<u>2,650,768</u>
		<u>6,990,103</u>	<u>8,619,488</u>

10.1 UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

	31.12.2022		31.12.2021	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
As at beginning of the financial period	8,533,311	5,713,322	10,026,233	7,135,464
Creation of units	4,503	3,802	5,428	5,300
Cancellation of units	(531,804)	(456,082)	(1,213,570)	(1,172,044)
As at end of the financial period	<u>8,006,010</u>	<u>5,261,042</u>	<u>8,818,091</u>	<u>5,968,720</u>

10.2 REALISED RESERVE - DISTRIBUTABLE

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Balance as at beginning of the financial period	1,881,540	1,924,934
Net gain for the financial period	260,902	291,812
Net unrealised gains on valuation of equity securities transferred to unrealised reserve	(104,156)	(55,769)
Net increase in realised reserve for the financial period	<u>156,746</u>	<u>236,043</u>
Balance as at end of the financial period	<u>2,038,286</u>	<u>2,160,977</u>

10.3 UNREALISED RESERVE - NON-DISTRIBUTABLE

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Balance as at beginning of the financial period	(413,381)	434,022
Net unrealised gains on valuation of equity securities transferred from realised reserve	<u>104,156</u>	<u>55,769</u>
Balance as at end of the financial period	<u>(309,225)</u>	<u>489,791</u>

11. SUNDRY PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Accrued expenses	14,323	13,403
Redemption money payable	-	55,467
	<u>14,323</u>	<u>68,870</u>

Redemption money payable at the end of the previous reporting period represented amount payable to unitholders for the cancellation of units.

12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:-

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Shariah-based deposits with licensed financial institutions	804,066	-
Cash at a licensed bank	327,502	433,663
	<u>1,131,568</u>	<u>433,663</u>

13. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	31.12.2022 %	31.12.2021 %
TER	<u>1.16</u>	<u>1.16</u>

The total expense ratio includes annual management fee, annual trustee's fee, auditors' remuneration and other administrative fee and expenses which is calculated as follows:

$$\text{TER} = \frac{(A+B+C+D+E) \times 100\%}{F}$$

A = Management fee

B = Trustee's fee

C = Auditor's remuneration

D = Tax agent's fee

E = Administrative fees and expenses

F = Average net asset value of the Fund calculated on daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period is RM6,902,277 (01/07/2021-31/12/2021 – RM9,460,910).

14. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
PTR ("Times")	<u>0.22</u>	<u>0.15</u>

The portfolio turnover ratio is derived from the following calculation:

$$\text{PTR} = \frac{(\text{Total acquisition for the financial period} + \text{total disposals for the financial period}) \div 2}{\text{Average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis}}$$

Where,

total acquisitions for the financial period = RM 965,447 (01/07/2021-31/12/2021 – RM 876,585)

total disposals for the financial period = RM2,131,427 (01/07/2021-31/12/2021 – RM1,933,484)

15. OPERATING SEGMENTS

Operating segments of the Fund are predominantly investing in quoted equity securities and management of liquid cash by investing in short term deposits.

In accordance with the asset allocation guidelines of the Fund, the Fund can have an exposure in equity and equity-related securities up to 100% and a minimum investment of 40% of the Fund's NAV.

The segmental analysis of the Fund's income, expenses, assets and liabilities are shown in the table below:

	Equity Securities RM	Cash and liquid assets RM	Others RM	Total RM
31.12.2022				
<i>Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income</i>				
Investment income	348,101	6,342	-	354,443
Unallocated expenditure				(91,858)
Net income before taxation				262,585
Income tax expense				(1,683)
Net income after taxation				260,902
<i>Statement of Financial Position</i>				
Assets				
Quoted investments	5,863,527	804,066	-	6,667,593
Cash at bank	-	327,502	-	327,502
Other assets	20,895		100	20,995
Segment assets	5,884,422	1,131,568	100	7,016,090
Unallocated assets				-
Total assets				7,016,090
Liabilities				
Segment liability			25,987	25,987

15. OPERATING SEGMENTS (CONT'D)

31.12.2021	Equity Securities RM	Cash and liquid assets RM	Others RM	Total RM
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income				
Investment income	409,053	1,612	-	410,665
Unallocated expenditure				(117,426)
Net income before taxation				293,239
Income tax expense				(1,427)
Net income after taxation				291,812
Statement of Financial Position				
Assets				
Quoted investments and shariah- compliant investment	8,226,997	-	-	8,226,997
Cash at bank	-	433,663	-	433,663
Other assets	42,825	-	100	42,925
Segment assets	8,269,822	433,663	100	8,703,585
Unallocated assets				-
Total assets				8,703,585
Liabilities				
Segment liability	-	-	84,097	84,097

16. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND DIRECTORS OF THE MANAGER

The units of the Fund held by a director of the Manager at the end of the reporting period are shown as follows:-

	31.12.2022		31.12.2021	
	Units	RM	Units	RM
Units held in the Fund by the Director at market value	-	-	24,579	24,025

17. TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND WITH BROKERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Transactions by the Fund with brokers and a financial institution during the financial period are as follows:-

31.12.2022

BROKERS	Value of trade		Brokerage fees	
	RM	%	RM	%
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	1,436,096	46.55	2,578	46.55
CIMB Bank Berhad	1,116,116	36.18	2,243	36.18
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	533,044	17.27	1,066	17.27
	<u>3,085,256</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>5,887</u>	<u>100.00</u>

31.12.2021

BROKERS	Value of trade		Brokerage fees	
	RM	%	RM	%
CIMB Bank Berhad	875,920	31.89	1,754	38.77
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	719,703	26.20	1,445	31.93
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	651,131	23.71	1,326	29.30
Maybank Berhad	500,000	18.20	-	-
	<u>2,746,754</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,525</u>	<u>100.00</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

18.1 IDENTITIES OF RELATED PARTIES

(a) The Fund has related party relationships with its Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad (formally known as Apex Investment Services Berhad) and its Trustee, CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad.

(b) The Fund also had related party relationships with a shareholder and director of the manager.

18.2 In addition to the balances detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Fund carried out the following transactions with the related parties during the financial period:-

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Astute Fund Management Berhad: (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad) - management fee	<u>67,439</u>	<u>92,966</u>
CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad: - trustee's fee	<u>3,458</u>	<u>4,768</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (CONT'D)

18.2 In addition to the balances detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Fund carried out the following transactions with the related parties during the financial period:- (cont'd)

	31.12.2022		31.12.2021	
	Units	RM	Units	RM
Director of the Manager - reinvestment of distribution of units by the Fund	-	-	572	576

The Director of the Manager are legal and beneficial owner of the units.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Fund's financial risk management policy seeks to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for the development of the Fund's business whilst managing its market risk (including foreign currency risk, profit rate risk and equity price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

19.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The policies in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are as follows:-

(a) Foreign Currency Risk

The Fund does not have any transactions or balances denominated in foreign currencies and hence is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

(b) Profit Rate Risk

Cash and other fixed income securities are particularly sensitive to movements in profit rates. When profit rate rises, the return on cash and the value of fixed income securities will rise whilst it will be vice versa if there is a fall, thus affecting the NAV of the Fund.

The Fund's fixed deposits with licensed banks are carried at amortised cost. Therefore, they are not subject to profit rate risk as defined in MFRS 7 since neither the carrying amounts nor the future cash flows will fluctuate because of a change in market interest rates.

The Fund's deposits with a financial institution are usually rolled-over on a daily/monthly basis.

It is the Fund's policy not to enter into interest rate swap arrangements.

Profit rate risk sensitivity

Profit rate risk sensitivity is not presented as a reasonable possible change in profit rates will not have a significant impact on the net loss for the financial period.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

19.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Profit Rate Risk (Cont'd)

Profit rate risk exposure

The following table analyses the Fund's profit rate risk exposure. The Fund's assets and liabilities are included at fair value and categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

	0-3 months RM	Non-profit rate bearing RM	Total RM	Weighted average effective profit rate %
31.12.2022				
<u>Assets</u>				
Quoted equity securities	-	5,863,527	5,863,527	
Shariah-compliant investments	-	-	-	
Deposit with licensed financial institutions	804,066		804,066	2.75
Other assets	-	348,497	348,497	
	804,066	6,212,024	7,016,090	
<u>Financial Liability</u>				
Other liabilities	-	25,987	25,987	
Total profit sensitivity gap	804,066	6,186,037	6,990,103	

(c) Particular Stock Risk

Any major price fluctuations of a particular stock invested by the Fund may adversely or favourably impact the NAV of the Fund. However, due to the diversification nature of the unit trust, the impact would not be as major as investing in one particular stock.

Particular stock risk sensitivity

Particular stock risk sensitivity analysis is not presented as reasonable possible change in the price of any stock will not have a significant impact on the net loss for the financial period or equity of the Fund at the end of the reporting period.

Particular stock risk concentration

The Fund's concentration of equity price risk analysed by the Fund's equity instruments by sector is as follows:-

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

19.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Particular Stock Risk (Cont'd)

The Fund's concentration of equity price risk analysed by the Fund's equity instruments by sector is as follows:-

	31.12.2022		31.12.2021	
	RM	As a % of NAV	RM	As a % of NAV
Energy	1,110,665	15.89	979,861	11.37
Plantation	949,002	13.58	-	-
Industrial Products & Services	750,453	10.73	1,222,136	14.19
Consumer Products & Services	831,540	11.89	1,149,739	13.34
Financial Services	570,248	8.16	656,777	7.62
Utilities	565,306	8.09	695,921	8.07
REITs	545,909	7.81	588,047	6.82
Telecommunications & Media	303,480	4.34	180,400	2.09
Technology	173,940	2.49	2,122,820	24.63
TSR Loans	62,984	0.90	68,080	0.79
Construction	-	-	563,216	6.53
	5,863,527	83.88	8,226,997	95.45

(d) Liquidity and Cash Flow Risks

Liquidity and cash flow risks refer to the ease to convert investments into cash without significantly incurring loss in value. Stocks issued by smaller companies will face a greater chance of liquidity risk as compared to stocks issued by larger companies. When investing in stocks of smaller companies, the historical volume traded would be analysed to minimise the liquidity risk.

(e) Fund Manager's Risk

The performance of the Fund is also influenced by the expertise of the Fund Manager. The investment committee will oversee the activities and performance of the Fund Manager. There is also the risk that the Fund Manager does not adhere to the investment mandate of the Fund. The investment committee and the compliance unit hold primary functions to ensure that the Fund's investment strategy and mandate are adhered to. A compliance checklist and investment performance report shall be presented for review during the investment committee meeting.

(f) Credit Risk

The Fund's exposure to credit risk, or the risk of counterparties defaulting, arises mainly from amount owing by sundry receivables.

Credit risk concentration profile

The Fund does not have any major concentration of credit risk related to any individual customer or counterparty.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

19.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Credit Risk (Cont'd)

Exposure to credit risk

As the Fund does not hold any collateral, the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets as at the end of the reporting period.

Assessment of Impairment Losses

At each reporting date, the Fund assesses whether any of the financial assets at amortised cost, contract assets are credit impaired.

The gross carrying amounts of financial assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery (i.e. the debtor does not have assets or sources of income to generate sufficient cash flows to repay the debt) despite the fact that they are still subject to enforcement activities.

Receivables

The Fund applies the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all receivables.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of 12 months from the measurement date and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle their debts.

The information about the exposure to credit risk and the loss allowances calculated under MFRS 9 for receivables is summarised below:-

	Gross Amount RM	Individual Impairment RM	Collective Impairment RM	Carrying Amount RM
31.12.2022				
Current (not past due)	20,995	-	-	20,995
31.12.2021				
Current (not past due)	42,925	-	-	42,925

Deposits with Licensed Banks and Cash at Bank

The Fund considers the banks and financial institutions have low credit risks. In addition, some of the bank balances are insured by Government agencies. Therefore, the Fund is of the view that the loss allowance is immaterial and hence, it is not provided for.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

19.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(g) Shariah Specific Risk

The risk that the investments do not conform to the principle of Shariah may result in those investments being not Shariah compliant. Should the situation arise, necessary steps shall be taken to dispose of such investments in accordance with the rules of divestment of non Shariah-compliant investments. If this occurs, the Fund could suffer losses from the disposal and thus, adversely affecting the value of the Fund.

19.2 CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Manager of the Fund manages the capital of the Fund by maintaining an optimal capital structure so as to support its businesses and maximise unitholders value. To achieve this objective, the Manager may make adjustments to the capital structure in view of changes in economic conditions, such as adjusting the amount of dividend payment, returning of capital to unitholders or undertake a unit splitting exercise to lower the value per unit of the Fund, thus the units become more affordable to raise more funds.

19.3 CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Financial Assets		
<u>Mandatorily at FVPL</u>		
Quoted investments	5,863,527	8,226,997
Shariah-compliant investments	-	-
	<u>5,863,527</u>	<u>8,226,997</u>
<u>Amortised Cost</u>		
Shariah based deposit with financial institution	804,066	-
Sundry receivables	20,995	42,925
Cash at bank	327,502	433,663
	<u>1,152,563</u>	<u>476,588</u>
Financial Liability		
<u>Amortised Cost</u>		
Accruals	14,323	68,870
Amount owing to Manager	11,095	14,484
Amount owing to Trustee	569	743
	<u>25,987</u>	<u>84,097</u>

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

19.4 GAINS OR LOSSES ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	31.12.2022 RM	31.12.2021 RM
Financial Assets		
<u>Mandatorily at FVPL</u>		
Net gains recognised in profit or loss	348,101	409,839
<u>Amortised Cost</u>		
Gain recognised in profit or loss	6,342	826

19.5 FAIR VALUE INFORMATION

Other than those disclosed below, the fair values of the financial assets and financial liabilities maturing within the next 12 months approximated their carrying amounts due to the relatively short-term maturity of the financial instruments. The fair value of the following financial asset is included in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy:-

	Fair Value of Financial Instruments Carried At Fair Value			Total Fair Value	Carrying Amount
	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	RM	RM
31.12.2022					
<u>Financial Asset</u>					
Quoted investments	5,863,527	-	-	5,863,527	5,863,527
31.12.2021					
<u>Financial Asset</u>					
Quoted investments	8,226,997	-	-	8,226,997	8,226,997

The Fund measures its quoted investments that are classified as financial assets at their fair values, determined at their quoted closing prices at the end of the reporting period. These financial assets belong to level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

In regard to financial instruments carried at fair value, there were no transfer between level 1 and level 2 during the financial period.

7. DIRECTORY

Manager	Astute Fund Management Berhad (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad [199701004894 (420390-M)])	
Registered Office	No.47-1, Jalan SS 18/6, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	
Board of Directors	Clement Chew Kuan Hock	Executive and Non-Independent Director
	Wong Fay Lee	Non-Executive and Non-Independent Director
	Asgari bin Mohd Fuad Stephens	Non-Executive and Non-Independent Director
	Y.M. Dato' Tunku Ahmad Zahir bin Tunku Ibrahim	Non-Executive and Independent Director
	Azran bin Osman Rani	Non-Executive and Independent Director
Shariah Committee	Dr. Mohamad Sabri bin Haron	Chairman and Independent Member
	Dr. Ab Halim bin Muhammad	Independent Member
	Mohd Fadhly bin Md. Yusoff	Independent Member
Investment Committee	Y.M. Dato' Tunku Ahmad Zahir bin Tunku Ibrahim	Independent Member
	Clement Chew Kuan Hock	Non-Independent Member (resigned effective on 08 December 2022)
	Azran bin Osman Rani	Independent Member
	Asgari bin Mohd Fuad Stephens	Non-Independent Member (appointed on 26 April 2022)
Secretary	Ng Chin Chin (MAICSA 7042650) No. 47-1, Jalan SS 18/6 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	
Trustee	CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad (313031-A) Level 13, Menara CIMB, Jalan Sentral 2, Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur	
Auditor and Reporting Accountant	Crowe Malaysia PLT (201906000005 (LLP0018817-LCA) & AF-1018) Level 16, Tower C Megan Avenue II 12, Jalan Yap Kwan Seng 50450 Kuala Lumpur	
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