

AMUNDI VIETNAM OPPORTUNITIES FUND

(A SUB-FUND OF AMUNDI HARVEST FUNDS)

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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#### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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#### REPORT OF THE MANAGER

2023 was another unpredictable year for Vietnam. Although the outlook at the start of the year was positive, the slower-than-expected recovery in Chinese economic activity, there is relatively flat movement in global trade and a higher-for-longer view on interest rates in the United States (US) weighed on Vietnam's performance. Despite the government's focus on supporting the domestic economy, and the State Bank of Vietnam commencing significant rate cuts in the first quarter of year 2023, as well as the efforts to stimulate growth was not enough to prevent a downgrade the government's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth expectation from the target of 6.5% to 5%. The equity market reflected this volatility though the market increased in the first half of the year positively, a reweighting of expectations and a cautious market outlook led to a pullback in market performance in the second half of the year. Against this backdrop, the Vietnam Fund delivered +12.1% in local currency terms over the year, compared to the favorably Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Vietnam benchmark which delivered 9% in local currency over the same period. Positioning in financials, information technology (IT) and materials were key to the fund's outperformance, while consumer staples underperformed.

Nevertheless, the narrative coming into 2024 echoes much of what was seen in 2023, with arguably better support for the outlook. The pillars of Vietnam's investment case remain the same as the manufacturing export growth underpinned by political stability and international free trade agreements, the domestic consumption growth driven by job creation and urbanisation, and technological advancements accelerating the country's journey to become a middle-income economy.

Looking out into 2024, there are improving dynamics that will advance growth from these key areas. The external sector, particularly manufacturing, witnessed a strong improvement in second half of 2023 after an underwhelming first half of 2023. The recovery led Vietnam's GDP to accelerate by 6.72% year-over-year (YoY) in the fourth quarter, resulting in an annual growth of 5.05% in 2023. The positive trajectory was supported by upward revisions in data for the preceding three quarters, indicating a resilient economy.

Following a challenging period, real estate made a positive contribution to GDP in the fourth quarter, suggesting that the sector may have overcome its recent downturn on the back of supportive monetary policy. Progress in property sector legislation and the 300-400 basis points fall in mortgage costs also contributed to an improved outlook for the sector. Elsewhere, the recovery in the tech cycle has driven Vietnam's exports to return to double-digit expansion in the last quarter of the year, predominantly led by increasing electronics shipments. In December 2023, both exports and imports recorded their strongest expansion since August 2022. Aside from electronics, machinery shipments have also started to recover while agricultural exports continue to be robust after consistently expansive growth rates through the year. The strong performance in the services sector in fourth quarter of 2023 was also substantial, led by a strong recovery in the tourism sector.

This recovery in the external sector forecasts the overall economy. Recovery in exports contributes to employment growth, consequently benefiting overall consumption. The recovery should also enable the country to return to a current account surplus following a couple of years of current account deficits. Improvement in external trade and alongside a recovery in tourism receipts and strong inward remittances proves beneficial. The current account surplus should reach nearly 5% of GDP, a level that is favorable for the Vietnamese Dong's outlook. Moreover, the Government's strong financial position should drive continued momentum in public sector infrastructure investment, a move which should ultimately enable further trade volumes going forward. Annual infrastructure spending in Vietnam has reached approximately 6% of GDP, among the highest relative to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) peers, and the continuation of the government's stimulus Program for Economic Recovery and Development (PERD) plus a new road transportation infrastructure program illustrate their commitment to maintaining this focus into 2024. Overall, the government is targeting an estimated 6% - 6.5% GDP growth for the year of 2024, which is marginally ahead to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projection which is 5.8%.

#### REPORT OF THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

On a macro-economic level, Vietnam has benefited from the synchronised moderation in global inflation, which has reduced external price pressures and created room for the State Bank of Vietnam to stabilise the foreign exchange market and pursue a pro-growth monetary policy during the year. In 2023, headline inflation increased by 3.25% with an upward pressure on healthcare and electricity prices being counterbalanced by a muted outlook for energy and food prices, consumer price index (CPI) is expected to modestly rise to 3.5% in 2024. This is well below the State Bank of Vietnam's upper tolerance of 4.5% and gives them the flexibility to maintain their current monetary policy stance.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) continued to be a bright spot for Vietnam in 2023 and hit the record levels as FDI registrations soared 32.1% YoY to USD 36.6 billion. The trend accelerated until year end with December FDI rising to USD 7.8 billion, the highest monthly total since June 2018. The manufacturing and processing sector accounted for 64% of total FDI registrations, while 19% came from Singapore, 18% from Japan, 13% from Hong Kong and 12% from China registrations, from a geographic perspective.

These FDI results confirm that Vietnam continues to be an attractive investment destination given the country's fundamental advantages – including location, free trade agreements, inexpensive labour costs and ongoing infrastructure improvements. This is not expected to dent the country's attractiveness as an FDI destination even though Vietnam is a signatory to the global minimum tax (GMT) agreement given the fourth quarter. The government is now seeking to create an investment support fund, funded by proceeds from GMT collection, to support investors in high-tech or other prioritised sectors. Furthermore, the upgrading of diplomatic ties between Vietnam and South Korea, US, and most recently, Japan, should continue to drive FDI inflows into the country.

Against this economic backdrop, corporate earnings are projected to strongly rebound in year 2024. In aggregate, MSCI Vietnam's constituent corporate earnings forecasted growth is approximately 33% in the coming year. In the non-financial space, earnings should expand due to lower pressure from input costs and decreasing price competition as revenue growth recovers. Meanwhile, financials should benefit from faster credit growth and peaking credit costs as asset quality improves on the back of a stronger economy and an extended period of loose monetary policy.

Given the improving outlook, Vietnamese equity valuations are attractive. Overall, the equity market is trading on a twelve-month forward price to earnings ratio (P/E) of 10x, well behind its five-year average of 14x, and at a discount to broader emerging markets and Asia ex-Japan which are trading on twelve-month forward P/Es of 10.8x and 13.5x respectively. We continue to favour positioning in stocks that benefit from domestic growth drivers, most significantly in quality IT, financial, materials and consumer discretionary names.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE TO THE UNITHOLDERS

We hereby confirm that, in our opinion, the Manager of Amundi Vietnam Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") has, in all material respects, managed the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed dated 27 January 2004, as amended by the supplemental deeds dated 23 February 2004, 8 July 2004, 30 May 2005, 7 November 2006, 8 May 2007, 17 January 2008, 22 May 2008, 13 September 2010, 12 May 2017, 2 May 2018, 31 December 2019 and 13 February 2023 (collectively the "Trust Deed"), for the year ended 31 December 2023.

For and on behalf of

CACEIS Hong Kong Trust Company Limited as the Trustee of Amundi Vietnam Opportunities Fund

Hong Kong, 22 April 2024

Chelsea Chan

Head of Unit - Trustee and Legal

## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGER AND THE TRUSTEE

## Manager's Responsibilities

The Manager of the Fund is required by the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "Code") and the Trust Deed to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at the end of that period and of the transactions for the period then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable; and
- prepare the financial statements on the basis that the Fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to presume this.

The Manager is also required to manage the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustee of the Fund is required by the Code and the Trust Deed to:

- ensure that the Fund, in all material respects, is managed in accordance with the Trust Deed and that the investment and borrowing powers are complied with;
- satisfy itself that sufficient accounting and other records have been maintained;
- safeguard the property of the Fund and the rights attaching thereto; and
- report to the unitholders for each annual accounting period should the Manager not manage the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AMUNDI VIETNAM OPPORTUNITIES FUND (A SUB-FUND OF AMUNDI HARVEST FUNDS)

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

What we have audited

The financial statements of Amundi Vietnam Opportunities Fund (a sub-fund of Amundi Harvest Funds) (the "Fund"), which are set out on pages 9 to 30, comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial transactions and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

#### Other Information

The Trustee and the Manager (the "Management") of the Fund are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AMUNDI VIETNAM OPPORTUNITIES FUND (A SUB-FUND OF AMUNDI HARVEST FUNDS) (CONTINUED)

#### Responsibilities of the Management for the Financial Statements

The Management of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management of the Fund is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

In addition, the Management of the Fund is required to ensure that the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the trust deed dated 27 January 2004, as amended (the "Trust Deed") and Appendix E of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC Code").

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. In addition, we are required to assess whether the financial statements of the Fund have been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed and Appendix E of the SFC Code.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AMUNDI VIETNAM OPPORTUNITIES FUND (A SUB-FUND OF AMUNDI HARVEST FUNDS) (CONTINUED)

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

• Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Report on Matters under the Relevant Disclosure Provisions of the Trust Deed and Appendix E of the SFC Code

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed and Appendix E of the SFC Code.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 22 April 2024

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Dividends receivable Amounts due from unitholders Cash and cash equivalents	6 15 10(g)	19,413,830 8,595 47,121 359,642	17,616,326 33,928 5,069 879,846
Total assets		19,829,188	18,535,169
Liabilities Amounts due to unitholders Other accounts payable and accrued expenses Total liabilities	15 7	59,311 34,821 ————————————————————————————————————	26,280 51,649 77,929
Equity Net assets attributable to unitholders	8, 12	19,735,056	18,457,240

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee and the Manager Signed for and on behalf of:

Chelsea Chan

Head of Unit - Trustee and Legal

CACEIS Hong Kong Trust Company Limited as the Trustee

Amundi Hong Kong Limited as the Manager

The notes on pages 13 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Income/loss			
Bank interest income	10(e)	7,537	7,072
Dividend income		343,788	385,697
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value		0.1077	3 3, 2,
through profit or loss	13	1,783,654	(8,108,833)
Net foreign currency losses on cash and cash			
equivalents		(6,135)	(63,377)
Total net income/(loss)		2,128,844	(7,779,441)
Expenses			
Management fee	3, 10(b)	357,789	449,481
Performance fee	4, 10(b)	-	601
Trustee fee and valuation expenses	5, 10(c)	12,700	12,600
Registrar's fee	5, 10(c)	22,919	27,131
Legal fee		3,665	-
Auditor's remuneration		5,293	4,174
Consultant's fee		405	-
Transaction costs	14	9,080	21,271
Bank interest expense	10(f)	-	70
Other operating expenses	10(d)	79,428	126,836
Total expenses		491,279	642,164
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Profit/(loss) before tax		1,637,565	(8,421,605)
Withholding tax credit/(expenses)	9(b), 9(c)	11,451	(10,489)
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Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		1,649,016	(8,432,094)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Balance at the beginning of the year		18,457,240	32,039,865
Proceeds on subscription of units Payments on redemption of units		3,240,795 (3,611,995)	8,016,151 (13,166,682)
Net redemptions		(371,200)	(5,150,531)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		1,649,016 	(8,432,094)
Balance at the end of the year		19,735,056	18,457,240
		2023 Units	2022 Units
Units outstanding at the beginning of the year Units subscribed Units redeemed	8 8	1,623,929.78 262,156.71 (295,052.81)	2,003,704.84 585,881.64 (965,656.70)
Units outstanding at the end of the year		1,591,033.68	1,623,929.78

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year Adjustments for:	1,649,016	(8,432,094)
- Bank interest income	(7,537)	(7,072)
- Bank interest expense	(	70
<ul><li>Dividend income</li><li>Net foreign currency losses on cash and cash equivalents</li></ul>	(343,788) 6,135	(385,697) 63,377
Operating profit/(loss) before working capital changes	1,303,826	(8,761,416)
(Increase)/decrease in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,797,504)	14,366,887
Decrease in other accounts payable and accrued expenses	(16,828)	(1,428,600)
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(510,506)	4,176,871
Dividends received	369,121	423,969
Bank interest received	7,537	7,072
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(133,848)	4,607,912
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds on subscriptions received	3,198,743	8,045,370
Payments on redemptions	(3,578,964)	(13,348,967)
Bank interest paid	<del>-</del>	(70)
Net cash used in financing activities	(380,221)	(5,303,667)
Not decrease in each and each equivalents	(514,069)	(605.755)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(514,069) 879,846	(695,755) 1,638,978
Net foreign currency losses on cash and cash equivalents	(6,135)	(63,377)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	359,642	879,846

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 General information

Amundi Vietnam Opportunities Fund (the "Fund"), a sub-fund of Amundi Harvest Funds, is a unit trust constituted by a trust deed dated 27 January 2004 entered into between Société Générale Asset Management S.A. as the manager and HSBC Trustee (Cayman) Limited as the trustee. The trust deed, as amended (the "Trust Deed"), was governed and regulated under the Mutual Funds Law of the Cayman Islands. The Fund is authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") under Section 104(1) of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance and is required to comply with the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the SFC.

On 31 December 2009, Société Générale Gestion S.A. was appointed as the manager of the Fund. Amundi Group, a joint venture between Société Générale S.A. and Credit Agricole S.A., was also established to combine the activities of Société Générale Asset Management S.A. and Credit Agricole Asset Management Hong Kong Ltd on 31 December 2009. On 2 March 2010, Credit Agricole Asset Management Hong Kong Ltd changed its name to Amundi Hong Kong Limited, which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Amundi Group. On 13 September 2010, Amundi Hong Kong Limited was appointed as the manager of the Fund (the "Manager").

On 12 May 2017, CACEIS Hong Kong Trust Company Limited has been appointed as the trustee of the Fund (the "Trustee"). The Fund was also re-domiciled from the Cayman Islands to Hong Kong with effect from 12 May 2017.

The Fund is a collective investment scheme which seeks to provide investors with long-term capital growth by investing directly or indirectly in a diversified portfolio of securities including equities and debt securities of issuers with actual or prospective business operations in Vietnam in order to provide economic exposure to the Vietnam market. The Fund intends to invest mainly in listed companies with existing operations, assets or investments in Vietnam and those Vietnam related companies which have publicly announced or made public their plans to expand and/or acquire similar or complimentary operations in Vietnam, with earnings enhancement potentials.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

## (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of Amundi Vietnam Opportunities Fund have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards. IFRS Accounting Standards comprise the following authoritative literature:

- IFRS Accounting Standards
- IAS Standards
- Interpretations developed by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC Interpretations) or its predecessor body, the Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC Interpretations)

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Trustee and the Manager ('the Management") to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)

#### (a) Basis of preparation (Continued)

## Standards, amendments and interpretation to existing standards effective 1 January 2023

The Fund has applied the following new and amended standards for its annual period beginning on 1 January 2023:

- Disclosure of Accounting Policies Amendment to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2
- Definition of Accounting Estimates Amendment to IAS 8

None of the amendment to standards and interpretations listed above is expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

## New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2023 and have not been early adopted by the Fund

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2023, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

## (b) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

### (i) Classification

The Fund classifies its investments as financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are those that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy. The Fund's policy is for the Manager and the Trustee to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information. All the Fund's assets are held for the purpose of being traded or are expected to be realised within one year.

## (ii) Recognition/derecognition

Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

#### (iii) Measurement

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income. Subsequent to initial recognition, all investments are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)

## (b) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Continued)

#### (iv) Fair value estimation

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. The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

The Fund may from time to time invest in financial instruments that are not traded in an active market. The fair value of such instruments is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date.

## (v) Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

#### (c) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position where the Fund currently has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Fund or the counterparty.

#### (d) Amounts due from and due to brokers

Amounts due from and due to brokers represent receivables for investments sold and payables for investments purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

#### (e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks with original maturities of three months or less.

## (f) Income and expenses

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with the corresponding foreign withholding taxes recorded as an expense.

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method. It includes interest income from cash and cash equivalents.

All expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)

## (g) Units

The Fund issues units, which are redeemable at the holder's option and classified as equity.

The net asset value of the Fund is computed daily. Initial subscription of units of the Fund was at an offer price of US\$10 per unit during the initial offer period. The initial offer period ended on 8 June 2007. Prices for subscriptions and redemptions are based on the net asset value at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

Proceeds and payments for units issued and redeemed are shown as movements in the statement of changes in equity for the Fund.

## (h) Foreign currency translation

## (i) Functional and presentation currency

The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the unitholders in United States dollars ("US\$"). The Management consider the US\$ as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions of the Fund. The financial statements are presented in US\$, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Fund.

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the statement of financial position date.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translation are included in the statement of comprehensive income. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash and cash equivalents are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within net foreign currency gain/(loss) on cash and cash equivalents. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

## (i) Related parties

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or corporate entities. Details of related party transactions are disclosed in Note 10.

#### (i) Transaction costs

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. They include the fees and commissions paid to brokers. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)

#### (k) Taxation

The Fund incur withholding taxes imposed by Vietnam on transfer of securities. Gains/losses incurred from the transfer of securities are recorded gross of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income. Withholding taxes are shown as a separate item in the statement of comprehensive income.

## 3 Management fee

The Manager is entitled to receive a monthly management fee from the Fund at a rate of 1.8% per annum of the net asset value calculated and accrued on a daily basis.

#### 4 Performance fee

The Manager is entitled to receive a performance fee, payable annually in arrears after the end of the relevant performance period, which shall be the end of each period ending on 31 December each year. Any performance fee payable in respect of a performance period shall be paid within 20 days after that performance period.

As at each valuation day, the performance fee accrual is calculated as 15% of the difference between the net asset value per unit of the Fund on such valuation day (net of all other fees and expenses) and the High Water Mark.

The High Water Mark is defined as the higher of the issue price and the highest net asset value per unit as at the end of any previous performance period, adjusted by deducting performance fees and distributions.

When there is a positive performance fee accrual during a period of significant new subscriptions into the Fund followed by a period of negative performance, all unitholders will participate (in proportion to their unitholdings) in the reduction in the cumulative performance fee accrual, regardless of their actual contribution to the cumulative performance fee accrual. Also, if the net asset value per unit is rising but is still below the High Water Mark, the Manager will not benefit from any performance fee accrual, including units that are newly issued and which only experience positive performance.

If any units are realised or converted to units in another fund on a dealing day during a performance period, the cumulative performance fee accrued during such performance period in respect of those units shall be crystallised and become payable to the Manager.

The performance fee will not be calculated on a unit-by-unit basis, and no equalisation or series of units provisions will apply. As such, the performance fee payable may not reflect the performance of the individual units. The performance fee is accrued on a daily basis, the issue price and realisation price per unit would have reflected an accrual for the performance fee upon the issue and realisation of units during the financial year.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 5 Trustee fee, valuation expenses and registrar fee

#### (a) Trustee fee

The Trustee is entitled to receive fees from the Fund for itself and its service provider. The fee is calculated in accordance with the rate agreed between the Fund and the Trustee. The amount of fee charged for the year is shown in the statement of comprehensive income. The fee is paid by the Fund monthly in arrears.

Under the terms of the Explanatory Memorandum, the maximum trustee fee is 1% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund calculated on each valuation day (i.e. on a daily basis), not including the fees of valuation (Note (b) below), fee of registrar (Note (c) below), fee of transaction and other miscellaneous fees.

## (b) Valuation expenses

The Trustee is entitled to receive a valuation expense of US\$50 for each daily valuation. The fee is paid by the Fund monthly in arrears.

## (c) Registrar fee

CACEIS Hong Kong Trust Company Limited, the Registrar, is entitled to receive a registrar fee. The fee is calculated in accordance with the rate agreed between the Fund and the Registrar. The amount of registrar fee charged for the year is shown in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 6 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
<u>Listed investments</u> Equities	19,413,830	17,616,326
Total fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19,413,830	17,616,326
Total costs of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	14,610,523	13,810,955

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 7 Other accounts payable and accrued expenses

	2023	2022
	US\$	US\$
Management fee payable	29,578	28,600
Performance fee payable	-	601
Registrar's fee payable	167	167
Auditor's remuneration payable	1,905	3,346
Others	3,171	18,935
	34,821	51,649

## 8 Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit and number of units in issue

	2023 Number of units	2022 Number of units
Units at the beginning of the year Units subscribed during the year Units redeemed during the year	1,623,929.78 262,156.71 (295,052.81)	2,003,704.84 585,881.64 (965,656.70)
Units at the end of the year	1,591,033.68	1,623,929.78
	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders (Note 12)	19,735,056	18,457,240
Net assets value per unit	12.404	11.366

## 9 Taxation

## (a) Hong Kong

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made for the Fund as it is authorised as a collective investment scheme under Section 104 of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance and is therefore exempt from profits tax under Section 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

## (b) Vietnam

Transfers of securities (such as bonds, shares of public joint stock companies, etc.) by a foreign entity are subject to Corporate Income Tax on a deemed basis at 0.1% of the gross sales proceeds.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 9 Taxation (Continued)

## (c) Withholding tax

The Fund incurs withholding taxes imposed by Vietnam on transfer of securities. Gains/losses incurred from the transfer of securities are recorded gross of withholding tax in the statement of comprehensive income.

## Transactions with the Manager, the Trustee and their related parties and connected persons

The following is a summary of transactions entered into during the year between the Fund, the Manager, the Trustee and their related parties and connected persons, in addition to those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements. Connected persons of the Manager and the Trustee are those as defined in the SFC Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the SFC. All such transactions were entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

## (a) Subscription and redemption of units

There were no subscriptions and redemptions of units of the Fund by the Manager, or directors or other connected persons of the Manager during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

For the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, there was no income accrued to the Manager and its connected persons in relation to subscriptions and redemptions of the units of the Fund.

## (b) Management fee and performance fee

The Manager charged management fee and performance fee to the Fund. For the calculation methodologies, please refer to Notes 3 and 4 respectively. The fees charged to the Fund for the year are set out below:

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Management fee	357,789	449,481
Performance fee	-	601

For management fee payable and performance fee payable as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 for the Fund, please refer to Note 7 for details.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Transactions with the Manager, the Trustee and their related parties and connected persons (Continued)

## (c) Trustee fee, valuation expenses and registrar's fee

The Trustee charged trustee fee, valuation expenses and registrar's fee to the Fund. For the calculation methodologies, please refer to Note 5. The expenses charged to the Fund for the year are set out below:

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Trustee fee and valuation expenses	12,700	12,600
Registrar fee	22,919	27,131

Trustee fee and valuation expenses payable as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 for the Fund was US\$nil.

For registrar's fee payable as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 for the Fund, please refer to Note 7 for details.

## (d) Other operating expenses

The Trustee charged other operating expenses to the Fund. The fees charged to the Fund for the year are set out below:

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Global custodian fee Custodian transaction fee	76,537 - 	108,535 567
	76,537	109,102

Global custodian fee relates to fee on safekeeping of investments.

## (e) Bank interest income

During the year ended 31 December 2023, bank interest income received from CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch, a fellow subsidiary of the Trustee, amounted to US\$7,537 (2022: US\$7,072).

## (f) Bank interest expense

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Fund did not pay any bank interest expense to CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch, a fellow subsidiary of the Trustee (2022: US\$70).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Transactions with the Manager, the Trustee and their related parties and connected persons (Continued)

## (g) Bank balances

The bank balances maintained by the Fund with CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch, the custodian bank and also a related party of the Trustee as at year end are set out below:

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Bank balances	359,642	879,846

## 11 Financial risk management

## (a) Strategy in using financial instruments

The Fund seeks to provide investors with long-term capital growth by investing directly or indirectly in a diversified portfolio of securities including equities and debt securities of issuers with actual or prospective business operations in Vietnam in order to provide economic exposure to the Vietnam market. The Fund intends to invest mainly in listed companies with existing operations, assets or investments in Vietnam and those Vietnam related companies which have publicly announced or made public their plans to expand and/or acquire similar or complimentary operations in Vietnam, with earnings enhancement potentials.

The Fund is exposed to market price risk, interest rate risk, credit and counterparty risk, liquidity risk and currency risk. The risks and the respective risk management policies employed by the Manager to manage these risks are discussed below.

## (b) Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or factors affecting all instruments in the market.

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Fund's investment activities expose the Fund to various types of market risks which are associated with the markets in which it invests. The Fund's equity security investments are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments.

The Fund's market price risk is managed through (i) securities selection and (ii) diversification of the investment portfolio.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

### (b) Market price risk (Continued)

In the management of the investment portfolio of the Fund, the Manager expects to perform fundamental analysis of listed companies in the relevant investment universe using the following factors:

- (i) Management quality: Assessment made on corporate governance track record, long-term management strategy, market focus and adaptability to changes in the economic and political environment;
- (ii) Balance sheet: Working capital, long-term ratio, earnings volatility, free cash flow, net debt ratio, inventory and accounts receivable;
- (iii) Operational efficiency: Profit margin, return on equity and financial and tax burdens;
- (iv) Industry prospects: Long-term specific sensitivity analyses, the impacts of deregulation and any new technological advancement; and
- (v) Growth analyses: Volume/capacity expansion, pricing power, merger and acquisition activity, new product pipeline, cost control measures and earnings per share.

The Manager expects to monitor market price risk on a daily basis, supplemented with regular investment meetings. Country analyses, macro-economic outlook and market valuations are used to establish the investment strategy for the Fund.

In addition, on a monthly basis, the Manager will verify the sources of risks in the Fund identified through performance and risk attribution systems and ensure there is no anomaly with the intended investment process as disclosed in the Explanatory Memorandum.

#### Net market exposures

The table below shows the net market exposures of the Fund to various markets, incorporating the underlying market risks through all financial assets and liabilities held by the Fund.

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
Vietnam	19,413,830	17,616,326

There are no individual investments with fair value exceeding 10% of the net asset value of the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

## (b) Market price risk (Continued)

The table below summarises the impact on the Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders as a result of increases/decreases of the key market index to which the Fund is exposed. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the index had increased/decreased by the stated percentages with all other variables held constant and that the fair value of the Fund's investments moved according to the historical correlation with the index.

	Change in market	2023	Change in market	2022
	index (+/-)	Impact (+/-)	index (+/-)	Impact (+/-)
100% Ho Chi Minh Stock Index <sup>1</sup>	-	-	20.83%	US\$3.7 million
100% Ho Chi Minh Stock Index (prior to 14 July 2023) + 100% MSCI (effective from 14 July 2023) <sup>1</sup>	23.20%	US\$4.5 million		-

The Manager has used its judgment of what would be a reasonable shift in the Vietnam market in order to estimate the percentage change used in the sensitivity analysis above with reference to historical information.

<sup>1</sup> The Fund is managed on an absolute return basis and hence has no official benchmark. For the purpose of complying with the disclosure requirements for market price risk under IFRS 7 "Financial instruments: Disclosures", the reference market index comprises 100% Ho Chi Minh Stock Index prior to 14 July 2023 and 100% of the MSCI Vietnam Index with effective from 14 July 2023, which is used for presenting the sensitivity analysis.

#### (c) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Fund is not subject to significant risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates because:

- (i) The majority of the financial assets and liabilities held by the Fund are non-interest bearing as the Fund invests mainly in listed equities;
- (ii) The Management considered the exposure to market interest rates on the cash deposits is minimal.

## (d) Credit and counterparty risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or a counterparty will be unable or unwilling to pay amounts in full when they fall due.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

### (d) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

All transactions in listed equities are arranged under a delivery versus payment process using preapproved and reputable brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal since the delivery of securities sold is only made when the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase when the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation. In addition, brokers are pre-approved by an internal risk committee of the Manager after completion of a due diligence exercise which takes into account, amongst various factors, the brokers' financial strength or credit ratings and whether they are regulated by recognised stock exchanges which impose minimum financial terms and conditions.

The Manager aims at limiting the Fund's exposure to credit risk by transacting the majority of its securities and contractual commitment activities with broker-dealers and banks with high credit ratings.

In instances where brokers are not on the list of pre-approved brokers, specifically in the case of a public offering or private placement, prior written approval is required.

The investments and exposures of the Fund have to follow the relevant provisions regulating single issuer limits, usually set at 10%. Not more than 10% of the Fund's net asset value may consist of securities issued by a single issuer. In addition, the value of the Fund's holding of securities that are not listed or quoted on an exchange may not exceed 15% of its net asset value. A monitoring process is in place to ensure adherence to these mentioned limits.

The Fund's financial assets which are potentially subject to concentrations of credit and counterparty risk consist principally of assets held with the custodian.

The table below summarises the net assets placed with custodian:

Amount US\$

#### As at 31 December 2023

Custodian

CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch

- Investments
- Cash and cash equivalents

19,413,830

359,642

#### As at 31 December 2022

Custodian

CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch

- Investments
- Cash and cash equivalents

17,616,326 879,846

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit losses.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

## (d) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, all dividends receivable, amounts due from unitholders and cash and cash equivalents were held with the counterparty with a credit rating of A+ and were due to be settled in a short period of time. Management considers the probability of default to be insignificant as the counterparty generally has a strong capacity to meet its contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

## (e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in settling a liability, including a redemption request, or selling a financial asset quickly at close to its fair value.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of units. To mitigate liquidity risk, the Fund invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in active markets and which can be readily disposed of.

With a view to protecting the interests of unitholders, the Manager is entitled at its discretion and with the approval of the Trustee to limit the number of units in the Fund redeemed on any dealing day to 10% of the total number of units of the Fund in issue. In addition, the Manager may suspend the right of the unitholders to require the redemption of units and/or delay the payments of any moneys in respect of any such redemption during any period in which the determination of the net asset value of the Fund is suspended pursuant to Clause 3.3 of the Trust Deed.

The Fund may be leveraged by borrowing up to 25% of its latest available net asset value as at the time of the borrowing should the Manager consider this necessary but only on a temporary basis for the purpose of meeting realisation requests or other expenses.

The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period from the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying amounts, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 1 month US\$	1 to 3 months US\$	Over 3 months US\$	Total US\$
As at 31 December 2023 Amounts due to unitholders Other accounts payable and	59,311	-	-	59,311
accrued expenses	34,821	-	-	34,821
	94,132	-	_	94,132
As at 31 December 2022 Amounts due to unitholders Other accounts payable and	26,280	-	<u>-</u> .	26,280
accrued expenses	51,649	-	-	51,649
	77,929	-	-	77,929

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

## (f) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund has assets and liabilities which are denominated in currencies other than the United States dollar, the functional currency of the Fund. The Fund is therefore exposed to currency risk as the value of the assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

The table below summarises the Fund's net exposure to foreign currencies:

	202	3	2022	
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
		Non-		Non-
	Monetary	monetary	Monetary	monetary
Vietnam Dong	342,871	19,413,830	411,660	17,616,326

The table below summarises the impact on the Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders as a result of increases/decreases of the key exchange rates to the exposures detailed above. The analysis is based on the assumption that the exchange rates had increased/decreased by the stated percentages with all other variables held constant.

		2023			2022	
	Change	Impact	Impact	Change	Impact	Impact
	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
	%	US\$	US\$	%	US\$	US\$
			Non-			Non-
		Monetary	monetary		Monetary	monetary
Vietnam Dong	2.62	8,983	508,642	3.41	14,038	600,717

## (g) Fair value estimation

In accordance with IFRS 13 "Fair value measurement", the Fund utilises the last traded market prices to value the financial assets. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

## (g) Fair value estimation (Continued)

The Fund has classified its fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the assets or liabilities.

The determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgment by the Management. The Management of the Fund consider observable data to be such market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The table below analyses the financial assets measured at fair value of the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

	Level 1 US\$	Level 2 US\$	Level 3 US\$	Total US\$
As at 31 December 2023 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - Equities	19,413,830	_	-	19,413,830
As at 31 December 2022 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Equities	17,616,326	-	_	17,616,326

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 11 Financial risk management (Continued)

## (g) Fair value estimation (Continued)

Financial instruments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified within Level 1. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

There were no Level 2 or Level 3 financial instruments held by the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Fund invested in equities listed on the Vietnam stock exchanges. The Manager considers that there is no liquidity concern for the Fund as it has no issue with paying the redemption proceeds to unitholders on a timely basis.

The assets and liabilities included in the statement of financial position, other than financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, are carried at amortised cost; their carrying amounts are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

#### 12 Net assets attributable to unitholders

The net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund represent equity in the statement of financial position.

In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's constitutive documents, investment positions are valued based on the last traded market prices for the purpose of determining the net asset value per unit for subscriptions and redemptions.

## Capital management

The Fund's capital is represented by the units in the Fund and shown as net assets attributable to unitholders in the statement of financial position. Subscriptions and redemptions of units of the Fund for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 are shown in the statement of changes in equity.

In order to achieve the investment objectives, the Fund endeavors to invest its capital in accordance with the investment policies as outlined in Note 11(a), whilst maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemption requests. Such liquidity is augmented by the holding of liquid investments.

The Fund's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the investment activities of the Fund.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund's policy is to perform the following:

- monitor the level of subscriptions and redemptions relative to the liquid assets; and
- redeem and issue units in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Fund.

The Manager monitors capital on the basis of the value of net assets attributable to unitholders.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 13 Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

		2023 US\$	2022 US\$
	Net realised gains	785,719	4,089,821
	Net change in unrealised gains/(losses)	997,935	(12,198,654)
		1,783,654	(8,108,833)
14	Transaction costs		
		2023 US\$	2022 US\$
	Brokerage fees	9,080	21,271

## 15 Amounts due from/to unitholders

Amounts due from/to unitholders represent the unsettled subscription and redemption of units as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

#### 16 Soft commission arrangements

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Manager and its connected persons did not enter into any soft commission arrangements with brokers relating to dealing in the assets of the Fund.

## 17 Distributions

The Manager does not intend to make distributions in respect of the Fund. Income earned by the Fund will be reinvested in the Fund and reflected in the value of the units of the Fund.

No distribution was made during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

## 18 Events after the statement of financial position date

There are no subsequent events which require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements after the reporting date as at the approval date of the financial statements.

## 19 Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved for issue by the Trustee and the Manager on 22 April 2024.

## INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (UNAUDITED) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Holdings	Fair value US\$	% of net assets
Listed equities (by country of origin)	J		
Equities (98.37%)			
Vietnam (98.37%)			
AIRPORTS CORP OF VIETNAM	242,500	659,673	3.34
ASIA COMMERCIAL BANK	334,851	329,855	3·34 1.67
BAOVIET HOLDINGS	51,500	83,845	0.43
BINH MINH PLASTICS	97,600	419,573	2.13
FPT CORPORATION	418,170	1,656,340	8.39
FPT DIGITAL RETAIL JSC	36,000	158,767	0.80
GEMADEPT CORPORATION	227,640	661,471	3.35
GIA LAI ELECTRICITY JSC	258,097	136,697	0.69
HO CHI MINH CITY DEVELOPMENT JOINT STOCK	-0-7-77	-0-,- )/	0.07
COMMERCIAL BANK	763,435	638,765	3.24
HOA PHAT GROUP JOINT STOCK COMPANY	1,620,136	1,866,408	9.46
JOINT STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK FOR	, , 0	, ,,	2.1-
INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF VIETNAM	555,932	994,454	5.04
JOINT STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK FOR FOREIGN			
TRADE OF VIETNAM	420,263	1,390,945	7.05
KINH BAC CITY DEVELOPMENT SHARE HOLDING			
CORPORATION	610,060	798,343	4.05
MASAN GROUP CORP	179,964	496,974	2.52
MILITARY COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	1,925,047	1,479,767	7.50
MOBILE WORLD INVESTMENT CORP	351,800	620,601	3.14
PHUNHUAN JEWELRY JOINT STOCK COMPANY	241,766	856,972	4.34
SAIGON BEER ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CORP	131,020	340,213	1.72
SAIGON SECURITIES CORPORATION	716,826	969,083	4.91
TIEN PHONG PLASTIC JSC	953	1,552	0.01
VIETNAM ENGINE AND AGRICULTURAL			
MACHINERY CORPORATION	196,800	279,034	1.41
VIETNAM TECHNOLOGICAL AND COMMERCIAL	205,000	268,692	1.36
VIETTEL CONSTRUCTION JSC	77,111	291,764	1.48
VIETNAM DAIRY PRODUCTS JOINT STOCK	•		_
COMPANY	417,085	1,162,103	5.89
VINCOM JOINT STOCK COMPANY	264,090	485,467	2.46
VINCOM RETAIL JOINT STOCK COMPANY	1,069,182	1,026,788	5.20
VINHOMES JOINT STOCK COMPANY	752,394	1,339,684	6.79
		19,413,830	98.37
Total listed equities		19,413,830	98.37
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# INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Fair value US\$	% of net assets
Other net assets	321,226	1.63
Net asset attributable to unitholders as at 31 December 2023	19,735,056	100.00
Total investments, at cost	14,610,523	

# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Percentage of net assets at 31 December 2023 %	Percentage of net assets at 31 December 2022 %
Listed equities (by country of origin)		
<b>Equities</b> Vietnam	98.37	95.44
Total listed equities	98.37	95.44
Other net assets	1.63	4.56
Net asset attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

## HOLDINGS OF COLLATERAL (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

As at 31 December 2023, the Fund had no holdings of collateral, including cash, cash equivalents and money markets instruments, debt issued by government or corporate (whether investment grade/non-investment grade), or any other asset types.

## PERFORMANCE TABLE (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## Net asset value

Year	Total net asset value US\$	Net asset value per unit US\$
31 December 2023 31 December 2022 31 December 2021	19,735,056 18,457,240 32,039,865	12.404 11.366 15.990
Performance record		
Financial year	Highest issue price per unit US\$	Lowest redemption price per unit US\$
2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014	13.620 16.295 16.092 12.398 10.976 13.144 11.228 9.032 7.679 8.450	10.970 9.58 11.60 7.118 9.489 9.661 8.305 6.185 6.273 6.596