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Open-Ended Mutual Fund
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Interim Condensed Financial Statements (Unaudited)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF ASHMORE SAUDI EQUITY FUND (MANAGED BY ASHMORE INVESTMENTS SAUDI ARABIA)
RIYADH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed statement of financial position of Ashmore Saudi Equity Fund (the "Fund") managed by Ashmore Investments Saudi Arabia (the "Fund Manager") as at 30 June 2024 and the related interim condensed statement of comprehensive income for the six-month periods then ended, and the interim condensed statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim condensed financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 - "Interim Financial Reporting" ("IAS 34") that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim condensed financial statements based on our review.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagement 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity", that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A review of interim condensed financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim condensed financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**For PKF Al Bassam
Chartered Accountants.**



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INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024

(All Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals)

	Note	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 December 2023 (Audited)
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	5,438,257	1,186,805
Investments carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	6	30,855,878	43,320,603
Other receivables		18,247	2,440,091
TOTAL ASSETS		36,312,382	46,947,499
LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses		72,056	70,823
TOTAL LIABILITIES		72,056	70,823
NET ASSETS (EQUITY) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNIT HOLDERS		36,240,326	46,876,676
Units in issue (number)			
Class A		457,569	370,789
Class B	7	758,945	1,318,072
NET ASSETS (EQUITY) ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH UNIT - IFRS			
Class A		29.5887	27.57
Class B		29.9118	27.80
NET ASSETS (EQUITY) ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH UNIT – DEALING			
Class A		29.5887	27.57
Class B		29.9118	27.80

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	Note	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)
<u>Investment income</u>			
Realized gain from investments carried at FVTPL		8,618,122	2,931,421
Unrealized (loss) / gain from investments carried at FVTPL		(5,081,218)	1,766,240
Dividend income		661,546	597,950
TOTAL INCOME FROM OPERATIONS		4,198,450	5,295,611
Management fees	10	(237,253)	(191,779)
Other expenses		(94,081)	(72,588)
TOTAL EXPENSES		(331,334)	(264,367)
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		3,867,116	5,031,244
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		3,867,116	5,031,244

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INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (EQUITY)**ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNIT HOLDERS****For the period ended 30 June 2024**

(All Amounts in Saudi Arabian Riyals)

	Note	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)
NET ASSETS (EQUITY) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD		46,876,676	38,572,835
Net income from operations		3,867,116	5,031,244
Changes from unit transactions:			
Issuance of units			
Class A		5,700,000	285,000
Class B		23,000,000	9,700,714
		28,700,000	9,985,714
Redemption of units			
Class A		(3,071,866)	(4,747,097)
Class B		(40,131,600)	(5,380,000)
		(43,203,466)	(10,127,097)
Net changes from unit transactions		(14,503,466)	(141,383)
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-
NET ASSETS (EQUITY) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD		36,240,326	43,462,696

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INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**For the period ended 30 June 2024**

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	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income for the period	3,867,116	5,031,244
Adjustments for:		
Unrealized losses / (gains) from investments carried at FVTPL	5,081,218	(1,766,240)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Investments carried at FVTPL	7,383,507	2,539,054
Other receivables	2,421,844	(26,293)
Accrued expenses	1,233	6,379
Net cash used in operating activities	18,754,918	5,784,144
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of units	28,700,000	9,985,714
Redemptions of the units	(43,203,466)	(10,127,097)
Net cash generated from financing activities	(14,503,466)	(141,383)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	4,251,452	5,642,761
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1,186,805	3,584,765
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	5,438,257	9,227,526

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Notes to the interim condensed financial statements

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1. FUND AND ITS ACTIVITIES

Ashmore Saudi Equity Fund ("the Fund") is an open-ended investment fund established and managed through an agreement between Ashmore Investment Saudi Arabia ("the Fund Manager") and the investors ("the unitholders"). The Capital Market Authority ("CMA") approval for the establishment of the Fund was granted in its letter dated 30 Safar 1436H (corresponding to 22 December 2014). The Fund commenced its operations on 10 Rabi al-Awwal 1436H (corresponding to 5 January 2015).

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve over the medium to long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities of companies listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange ("the Tadawul"). The Fund benchmarks its performance to Tadawul and aims to provide comparatively better returns to the unitholders.

In dealing with the unitholders, the Fund Manager considers the Fund as an independent accounting unit. Accordingly, the Fund Manager prepares separate financial statements of the Fund.

During the period the Fund revised its terms and conditions on 20 April 2022 which incorporates the establishment of Class B units with a minimum subscription amount of SR 10,000,000. The Fund Manager obtained approval from the CMA for this revision on 20 April 2022. After the resultant approval, both Class A and Class B units were available to be subscribed to and enabled certain unitholders to redeem their Class A units and subsequently subscribe for Class B units. Furthermore, the fund management fee was revised where the Fund Manager charges the Fund a management fee of 1.25% and 0.80% of the net assets (equity) value of Class A and Class B units respectively at each valuation day.

The custodian, administrator and registrar of the Fund is HSBC Saudi Arabia.

2. REGULATING AUTHORITY

The Fund is governed by the Investment Fund Regulations ("the Regulations") published by CMA.

3. SUBSCRIPTION/REDEMPTION OF UNITS (DEALING DAY AND VALUATION DAY)

The Fund is open for subscriptions / redemptions every business day (each a "Dealing Day") and performs valuations every Monday and Wednesday (each a "Valuation Day"). The "cut off" time for subscriptions/redemptions is 1:00pm of every valuation day. In case the valuation and dealing day happen to fall on a day which is a public holiday in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the valuation and dealing day will be on the immediate next valuation and dealing day. The unit price on subscription or the unit price on redemption is represented in the Net Assets (Equity) Value ("NAV") per unit calculated by the administrator on the next valuation day on which the units were subscribed or redeemed for.

The NAV of the Fund for the purpose of purchase or redemption of units is calculated by subtracting from the value of the Fund's total assets value the amount of the Fund's total liabilities. The unit price is determined by dividing such resulting figure by the total number of outstanding units on the relevant valuation day. The unit price upon commencement of subscriptions was SAR 10.

4 BASIS OF PREPARATION

4.1 Statement of Compliance

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Initial Financial Reporting" approved in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and publications issued by the Saudi Organization for Auditors and Accountants, and they must be read in conjunction with the latest annual financial statements of the Fund for the year ending on December 31, 2023. These interim condensed financial statements usually do not include all the information required to prepare the financial statements, but specific accounting policies and explanatory notes have been included to explain important events and transactions in order to understand the changes in the financial position and the Fund's performance since December 31, 2023.

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4 BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

4.2 Basis of measurement Functional and presentation currency

The interim condensed financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, with the exception of investments carried at fair value through profit or loss.

These interim condensed financial statements have been presented in Saudi Riyals, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

4.3 New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations – as per IFRS

There are new standards and a number of amendments to the standards that are effective as of January 1, 2024, and they were clarified in the Fund's annual financial statements, but they do not have a material impact on the Fund's preliminary financial statements.

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Note	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 December 2023 (Audited)
Balances at banks	5.1	5,438,257	1,186,805
		5,438,257	1,186,805

5.1 Bank balances are held in investment accounts with local banks.

6. INVESTMENTS CARRIED AT FVTPL

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)		31 December 2023 (Audited)	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Financial services	9,506,672	12,442,657	13,965,729	17,613,397
Basic Materials	11,101,385	7,058,790	11,101,385	7,982,392
Consumer Goods	3,751,739	3,434,144	2,206,818	1,934,921
Oil and Gas	2,925,707	2,763,077	5,479,202	7,387,229
Telecommunications	1,402,442	2,635,445	1,279,638	1,740,008
Healthcare	1,162,190	1,228,890	883,767	1,416,637
Consumer Services	828,350	995,995	2,391,705	3,340,877
Technology	453,050	296,881	453,050	281,957
Industrials	-	-	753,747	1,623,185
	31,131,535	30,855,878	38,515,041	43,320,603

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7. UNIT TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in units for the period are summarized as follows:

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)			30 June 2023 (Unaudited)		
	Class A	Class B	Total	Class A	Class B	Total
Units at the beginning of the period	370,789	1,318,072	1,688,861	291,459	1,405,304	1,696,763
Units issued	186,595	758,945	945,540	12,554	422,628	435,182
Units redeemed	(99,815)	(1,318,072)	(1,417,887)	(207,278)	(234,485)	(441,763)
Units at the end of the period	457,569	758,945	1,216,514	96,735	1,593,447	1,690,182

8. MANAGEMENT FEE, ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER EXPENSES

Management fees and other expenses

The Fund pays management fee calculated at an annual rate of 1.25 and 0.80 percent per annum of the Fund's net assets (equity) attributable to unitholders of Class A and Class B units respectively, based on the applicable appointment of net assets. This management fee is accrued daily and paid on a monthly basis, as per the Terms and Conditions of the Fund.

The Fund pays custody fee, administration fee and registration fee to HSBC Saudi Arabia who is the custodian, administrator and registrar of the Fund. These fees are calculated based on slab percentages linked to net assets (equity) value of the Fund subject to stated minimum fee.

9. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCE WITH RELATED PARTIES

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. The related parties of the Fund include the Fund Manager, the Fund Board and other funds being managed by the Fund Manager. In the ordinary course of its activities, the Fund transacts business with the Fund Manager.

The Fund Manager does not charge any subscription fee on subscription of units and redemption fees on redemption of units. Other expenses paid by the Fund Manager on behalf of the Fund are recharged to the Fund as they are incurred.

In addition to the related party transactions disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, the significant transactions with related parties for the period are as follows:

Related Party	Nature of transactions	Amount of transaction		Closing balance receivable / (Payable)	
		30 June 2024	31 December 2023	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
The fund manager	Management Fees	237,253	409,299	32,566	39,880
Fund Board	Board remuneration	4,973	10,000	14,973	10,000

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10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

30 June 2024	<u>Amortized cost</u>	<u>FVTPL</u>
Assets as per interim condensed statement of financial position		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,438,257	-
Investments carried at (FVTPL)	-	30,855,878
Other receivables	18,247	-
Total	<u>5,456,504</u>	<u>30,885,878</u>
31 December 2023	<u>Amortized cost</u>	<u>FVTPL</u>
Assets as per interim condensed statement of financial position		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,186,805	-
Investments carried at (FVTPL)	-	43,320,603
Other receivables	2,440,091	-
Total	<u>3,626,896</u>	<u>43,320,603</u>

All financial liabilities as at June 30, 2024 were classified as financial liabilities measured at amortized cost.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund's activities are exposed to a variety of financial risks: market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund's comprehensive risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential negative effects on the Fund's financial performance.

The financial instruments included in these financial statements principally include cash and cash equivalents, investments at fair value through profit or loss, investments at fair value through other comprehensive income, other receivable balances, accrued expenses and management fees payable. The specific identification methods adopted are disclosed in the individual policy statements associated with each item. Financial assets and liabilities, net of amounts reported in the financial statements, are offset when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to cash the recognized amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and liability simultaneously.

Market risk

(i) *Price risk*

Price risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than foreign currency and profit rate movements.

The price risk arises primarily from uncertainty about the future prices of financial instruments that the Fund holds. The Fund Manager diversifies the investment portfolio and closely monitors the price movement of its investments in financial instruments. As of the statement of financial position date, Fund has equity investments in mutual funds.

The following is the impact on the net asset value (equity) as a result of the change in the fair value of investments as of June 30, 2024 AD and December 31, 2023 AD.

Nature of transactions	30 June 2024		31 December 2023	
	(Unaudited)		(Audited)	
	Reasonable possible change %	impact on fair value	Reasonable possible change %	impact on fair value
Equity investments	1% +/-	308,559	1% +/-	433,206

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Fund is exposed to credit risk in its cash, cash equivalents and other receivable balances. Bank balances are deposited with a Saudi bank with a good financial rating.

The following table shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the interim condensed statement of financial position

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Cash balances	5,438,257	1,186,805
Other receivables	18,247	2,440,091

Expected credit loss measurement

The Fund does not have a formal internal grading mechanism. Credit risks are generally managed on the basis of external credit ratings of counterparties.

Under the general approach of IFRS 9 ECL, the financial assets are classified into three stages. Each stage indicates the credit quality of the particular financial asset.

The fund manager has performed an ECL assessment of financial assets carried at amortized cost. No provision for impairment of these financial assets was recognized in these financial statements because the amount was not material.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Fund's terms and conditions provide for subscription and redemption of units on every business day and it is, therefore, exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting Unitholder redemptions on these days. The Fund's financial liabilities primarily consist of payables which are expected to be settled within one month from the statement of financial position date.

The Fund Manager monitors liquidity requirements by ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet any commitments as they arise, either through new subscriptions, liquidation of the investment portfolio or by taking short term loans from the Fund Manager.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a variety of causes associated with the processes, technology and infrastructure supporting the Fund's activities either internally or externally at the Fund's service provider and from external factors other than credit, liquidity, currency and market risks such as those arising from the legal and regulatory requirements.

The Fund's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance limiting of financial losses and damage to its reputation with achieving its investment objective of generating returns to Unitholders.

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Fair value estimation

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial reporting date. Instruments for which no sales were reported on the valuation day are valued at the most recent bid price.

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. The carrying value less impairment provision of financial instruments carried at amortized cost are assumed to approximate their fair values.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities 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 table below presents the financial instruments at their fair value as at December 31, based on the fair value hierarchy:

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment carried at FVPL	30,855,878	-	-	30,855,878
Total	30,855,878	-	-	30,855,878

	31 December 2023 (Audited)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment carried at FVPL	43,320,603	-	-	43,320,603
Total	43,320,603	-	-	43,320,603

12. NET ASSETS (EQUITY) VALUE

The CMA, through its circular dated 10 Rabi Al Thani 1439H (corresponding to 28 December 2017), has approved the Dual NAV approach for investment funds. In accordance with the circular, IFRS 9 will be applied for accounting and reporting purposes and dealing NAV will remain unaffected until further notice.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is presented as follows:

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)			30 June 2023 (Unaudited)		
	Class A	Class B	Total	Class A	Class B	Total
Apportioned NAV	13,538,866	22,701,460	36,240,326	2,474,238	40,988,457	43,462,695
NAV per unit	29.5887	29.91186	-	25.5774	25.7231	-

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13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no significant subsequent events after June 30, 2024 and until the date of approval of the interim condensed financial statements, which may have a material impact on the interim condensed financial statements as of June 30, 2024.

14. LAST VALUATION DAY

The last valuation day of the period was June 30, 2024.

15. APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These interim condensed financial statements were authorized for issue by the Fund Board of Directors on 26 Muharram 1446H (01 August 2024).