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Financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024 together with the

Independent Auditor's Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS ASHMORE GCC DIVERSIFIED TRADE FUND RIYADH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ashmore GCC Diversified Trade Fund ("the Fund"), being managed by Ashmore Investment Saudi Arabia (the "Fund Manager"), as at 31 December 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants (SOCPA).

We have audited the financial statements of the fund, which comprise of the following:

- The statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024;
- The statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- The statement of changes in net assets attributable to the unitholders 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 policies.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISA") that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. 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 are independent of the Fund in accordance with the professional code of conduct and ethics that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund's Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by the SOCPA, the fund's terms and conditions, Investment funds regulations issued by Capital Market Authority (CMA) and for such internal control as 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 Fund's management 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.

Those charged with governance, i.e. the Fund's board, are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.



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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. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing "ISA" that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, we exercise professional judgement 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 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 audit 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.
- 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 those charged with governance 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.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2024

(Amounts in SAR)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Notes</u>	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	6	10,226,965	9,647,343
Investments measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	7	16,907,282	42,484,238
Investments measured at amortised cost Other receivables Total assets	8	224,056,097 1,883,414 253,073,758	261,563,029 1,994,774 315,689,384
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<u>LIABILITY</u>			
Accrued expenses	9	187,299	180,090
Total liability		187,299	180,090
Net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders		252,886,459	315,509,294
Units in issue (numbers) Class A		18,026,197	21,373,755
Class B		2,553,284	5,629,630
Net assets (equity) value attributable to each unit - IFRS Class -A	_	12.2767	11.6796
Class -B	-	12.3703	11.7012
Net assets (equity) value attributable to each unit - Dealing		12.25(7	11 (70)
Class -A Class -B	-	12.2767 12.3703	11.6796 11.7012
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Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2024

(Amounts in SAR)

	Notes	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
<u>INCOME</u>			
Special commission income Net gains from investments measured at FVTPL Other income	10	17,480,566 1,423,044 - 18,903,610	8,846,375 1,556,336 870,220 11,272,931
EXPENSES Management fee Other expenses	11,12 13	1,541,827 488,820 2,030,647	1,067,193 357,608 1,424,801
Net income for the year Other comprehensive income Total comprehensive income for the year		16,872,963	9,848,130 - - - - - - - - - - -

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Statement of changes in net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders

For the year ended 31 December 2024

(Amounts in SAR)

Net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders at beginning of the 315,509,294 115,16	
year	3,553
·	8,130
Proceeds from issuance of units	
Class -A 338,552,874 199,18	7,932
Class -B 5,800,000 161,64	0,283
344,352,874 360,82	8,215
Payments for redemption of units	
Class -A (380,285,225) (83,975	,991)
Class -B (43,563,447) (86,354	,613)
(423,848,672) (170,330	,604)
Net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders at end of the year 252,886,459 315,50	9,294

UNIT TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in units for the year are summarised as follows:

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	(In units)	(In units)
Units in issue at beginning of the year Units issued	27,003,385	10,322,999
Class -A	28,275,529	17,517,590
Class -B	474,593	13,984,572
	28,750,122	31,502,162
Units redeemed		
Class -A	(31,623,087)	(7,370,816)
Class -B	(3,550,940)	(7,450,960)
	(35,174,027)	(14,821,776)
Units in issue at end of the year	20,579,480	27,003,385

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

(Amounts in SAR)

	<u>Notes</u>	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income for the year		16,872,963	9,848,130
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash generated from operating activities:			
Unrealized gain from investments measured at FVTPL	10	(3,744)	(2,232,402)
	-	16,869,219	7,615,728
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities Decrease / (increase) in investments measured at FVTPL Decrease / (increase) in investments measured at amortised cost		25,580,700 37,506,932	(22,714,932)
Decrease / (increase) in other receivables		111,360	(1,994,774)
Increase in accrued expenses Net cash generated from / (used in) operating activities	-	7,209 80,075,420	75,070 (181,691,098)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issuance of units Payments for redemption of units Net cash (used in) / generated from financing activities	- -	344,352,874 (423,848,672) (79,495,798)	360,828,215 (170,330,604) 190,497,611
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		579,622	8,806,513
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	6 6	9,647,343	9,647,343
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1. GENERAL

Ashmore GCC Diversified Trade Fund ("the Fund") is an open-ended investment fund established and managed through an agreement between Ashmore Investment Saudi Arabia ("the Fund Manager") and its investors ("the Unitholders"). The Capital Market Authority ("CMA") approval for the establishment of the Fund was granted in its letter dated 26 Jumada Al Awwal 1437H (corresponding to 6 March 2016). The Fund commenced its operations on 12 Jumada Al Akhirah (corresponding to 21 March 2016).

The Fund aims to provide liquidity upon the investor's request and to develop the capital by investing in short-term financial instruments, medium-term classified and non-classified GCC fixed income instruments that are compatible with Shariah standards and are approved by the Fund's Shariah Committee. The Fund does not distribute dividends to the unitholders as investment returns are reinvested in the Fund in favor of 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 for the Fund.

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

2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The Fund is governed by the Investment Funds 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 business day (each a "valuation day"), except for the public holidays. In case the valuation and dealing day is an official holiday in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Fund's assets are valued and the subscription / redemption requests are executed on the following valuation and dealing day. The "cut off" time for the subscriptions / redemptions is 1:00 pm of every valuation 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 total Fund's 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 PRESENTATION

4.1 Statement of compliance

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants ("SOCPA") and comply with the applicable requirements of the Investment Funds Regulations issued by the CMA, the Fund's Terms and Conditions.

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4. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

4.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis (except for investments measured at FVTPL which are stated at their fair value) using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Fund Manager has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the Fund Manager is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

The line items in the statement of financial position have been presented in the order of liquidity.

4.3 Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Saudi Arabian Riyals ("SAR"), which is also the functional currency of the Fund. All financial information presented has been rounded to the nearest SAR.

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then the Fund Manager uses its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The majority of the Fund's investments and transactions are denominated in Saudi Riyals. Investor subscriptions and redemptions are determined based on NAV and received and paid in Saudi Riyals. The expenses (including management fees, custodian fees and administration fees) are denominated and paid in Saudi Riyals. Accordingly, the Fund Manager has determined that the functional currency of the Fund is Saudi Riyals.

4.4 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. It also requires the Fund Manager to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Such judgements, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including obtaining professional advice and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

Significant areas where the Fund Manager has used estimates, assumptions or exercised judgement are as follows:

Expected credit loss on investments measured at amortised cost

The Fund recognises allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL") on investments measured at amortised cost.

The Fund obtains probability of default ("PD") for each security from Bloomberg based on the tenure of the placement. The Fund has also assumed a loss given default ("LGD") of 50% based on experience and best estimate.

The Fund measures allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the following, for which they are measured as 12-month ECL:

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4. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

4.4 Use of estimates and judgements (Continued)

- Debt investment that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- Other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

The Fund considers a debt investment to have low credit risk when their credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade' or certain un-rated investment with no default in the past. The 12-month ECL is the portion of ECL that results from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.

5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into SAR at the exchange rate at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translation are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into SAR at the exchange rate at the reporting date.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss as net foreign exchange gains/(losses), except for those arising on financial instruments measured at FVTPL, which are recognised as a component of net gains/(losses) from financial instruments measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets and financial liabilities

Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at FVTPL are initially recognised on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets are recognised on the date on which they are originated.

Financial assets measured at FVTPL are initially recognised at fair value, with transaction costs recognised in profit or loss. Financial assets not measured at FVTPL are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue.

Classification of financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or FVTPL.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as measured at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt instrument is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as measured at FVTPL:

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5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Classification of financial assets (continued)

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Fund may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in FVOCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. The Fund has not made any such elections during the year.

All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Fund's financial assets consists of cash and cash equivalent, investments measured at amortized cost and investments measured at FVTPL.

Business model assessment

The Fund makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which an asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and the information is provided to the Fund Manager. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether the Fund Manager's strategy focuses on earning contractual commission revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Fund Manager;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Fund's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

Financial assets that are held for trading or managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL because they are neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Fund considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making the assessment, the Fund considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;

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5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Classification of financial assets (continued)

- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Fund's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse asset arrangements); and
- features that modify consideration of the time value of money e.g. periodical reset of commission rates

Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Fund changes its business model for managing the financial assets.

Classification of financial liabilities

The Fund classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost unless it has designated liabilities measured at FVTPL.

Derecognition

The Fund derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Fund neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss.

Transactions in which the Fund neither retains nor transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset and it retains control over the asset, the Fund continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred asset.

The Fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are either discharged or cancelled, or expired.

Revenue recognition

Special commission income

Special commission income from non-derivative financial assets measured at amortised cost, are recognised in profit or loss, using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument (or, when appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial instrument on initial recognition. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Fund estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not future credit losses.

Net gains from investments at FVTPL

Net gains from investments at FVTPL includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences (if any), but excludes interest and dividend income.

Net realised gains from investments at FVTPL is calculated using the weighted average cost method.

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5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Other income

Other income relates to gain on disposal of investments at amortised cost (i.e. Wakala agreement), which is recognised upon completion of the disposal transaction.

Fees and other expenses

Fees and other expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as the related services are received.

Zakat and income tax

Under the current system of zakat and taxation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Fund does not pay any zakat and income tax. Zakat and income tax are considered to be the obligation of the unitholders and are not provided in the accompanying financial statements.

The Value Added Tax applicable for fees and expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised whenever there is present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from similar investment transactions such as in the Fund's trading activity.

Measurement of ECL

Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") is a probability-weighted estimate of credit risk and is recognized on debt securities measured at amortised cost and FVOCI based on estimating the probability of default ("PD") and loss given default ("LGD") for a given counterparty exposure for the Fund. They are measured as follows:

- Financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the Fund in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive); and
- Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows.

Significant increase in credit risk

To determine whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Fund's historical experience and expert credit assessment and including an assessment of the change in PD as at the reporting date with the PD at the time of initial recognition of the exposure.

Definition of default

The Fund considers a financial asset to be in default when the investee is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Fund in full, without recourse by the Fund to actions such as realizing security (if any is held) on any material credit obligation to the Fund.

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5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Definition of default (continued)

Inputs into the assessment of whether a financial instrument is in default and their significance may vary over time to reflect changes in circumstances.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Allowance for ECL is presented in the statement of financial position for financial assets measured at amortised cost as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Fund has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits with banks.

Redeemable units

The redeemable units are as equity instruments as they meet certain strict criteria. Those criteria include:

- the redeemable units must entitle the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets;
- the redeemable units must be the most subordinated class and class features must be identical:
- there must be no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the issuer to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the redeemable units over its life must be based substantially on the profit or loss of the issuer.

Net assets (equity) value

Net assets (equity) value per unit, as disclosed in the statement of financial position is calculated by dividing the net assets (equity) of the Fund by the numbers of units in issue as at the period end.

Subscription and redemption on units

Units subscribed and redeemed are recorded at net asset (equity) value per unit on the Valuation Day for which the subscription request and redemption applications are received.

Fair value measurement

When available, the Fund measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an on-going basis. The Fund measures instruments quoted in an active market at a mid price, because this price provides a reasonable approximation of the exit price.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Fund uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The Fund recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

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5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

5.1 NEW STANDARDS, AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

5.1.1 The following new amendments to standards, enlisted below, are effective from 1 January 2024 but they do not have a material effect on the Fund's financial statements:

Standard, interpretation, amendments	Description	Effective date
Amendment to IFRS 16 – Leases on sale and leaseback.	These amendments include requirements for sale and leaseback transactions in IFRS 16 to explain how an entity accounts for a sale and leaseback after the date of the transaction. Sale and leaseback transactions where some or all the lease payments are variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are most likely to be impacted.	01 January 2024
Amendment to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 on Supplier finance arrangements.	These amendments require disclosures to enhance the transparency of supplier finance arrangements and their effects on a company's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The disclosure requirements are the IASB's response to investors' concerns that some companies' supplier finance arrangements are not sufficiently visible, hindering investors' analysis.	01 January 2024
Amendment to IAS 1- Non-current liabilities with covenants.	 The amendment has clarified what is meant by a right to defer settlement, that a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period, that classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right, and that only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument the terms of liability would not impact its classification. 	01 January 2024

5.1.2 The Fund has not applied the following amendment to IFRS that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Standard, interpretation, amendments	Description	Effective date
Amendment to IAS 21 - Lack of exchangeability	The amendments contain guidance to specify when a currency is exchangeable and how to determine the exchange rate when it is not.	01 January 2025
	The amendments introduce new disclosures to help financial statement users assess the impact of using an estimated exchange rate.	

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5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

5.1 NEW STANDARDS, AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS (CONTINUED)

5.1.2 The Fund has not applied the following amendment to IFRS that have been issued but are not yet effective: (continued)

Standard, interpretation, amendments	Description	Effective date
Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 – Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments	These amendments clarify financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized and derecognized at settlement date except for regular way purchases or sales of financial assets and financial liabilities meeting conditions for new exception. The new exception permits companies to elect to derecognize certain financial liabilities settled via electronic payment systems earlier than the settlement date.	01 January 2026
	They also provide guidelines to assess contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets, which apply to all contingent cash flows, including those arising from environmental, social, and governance (ESG)-linked features.	
	Additionally, these amendments introduce new disclosure requirements and update others.	
IFRS 19 - Reducing subsidiaries' disclosures	IFRS 19 permits an eligible subsidiary to provide reduced disclosures when applying IFRS Accounting Standards in its financial statements.	01 January 2027
	A subsidiary is eligible for the reduced disclosures if it does not have public accountability and its ultimate or any intermediate parent produces consolidated financial statements available for public use that comply with IFRS Accounting Standards.	
IFRS 18, Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	IFRS 18 replaces IAS 1, which sets out presentation and base disclosure requirements for financial statements. The changes, which mostly affect the income statement, include the requirement to classify income and expenses into three new categories – operating, investing and financing – and present subtotals for operating profit or loss and profit or loss before financing and income taxes.	01 January 2027
	Further, operating expenses are presented directly on the face of the income statement – classified either by nature (e.g. employee compensation), by function (e.g. cost of sales) or using a mixed presentation. Expenses presented by function require more detailed disclosures about their nature.	
	IFRS 18 also provides enhanced guidance for aggregation and disaggregation of information in the financial statements, introduces new disclosure requirements for management-defined performance measures (MPMs)* and eliminates classification options for interest and dividends in the statement of cash flows.	

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6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include the following:

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Balance with banks	10,226,965	9,647,343
	10,226,965	9,647,343

Market value

7. INVESTMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (FVTPL)

A summary of the investment portfolio as of the year end is set out below:

<u>31 December 2024</u>			<u>Market value</u>
Artal Murabaha fun	d (Class A)		16,907,282
		- -	16,907,282
31 December 2023			Market value
Artal Murabaha fu	and (Class A)		42,484,238
	,	_	42,484,238
8. INVESTMENTS M	EASURED AT AMORTISED C	OST 31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Money market place	ements:		
Bank Aljazira Riyad Bank Riyad Capital Arab National Banl Emirates National I Saudi Investment B	Bank of Dubai	14,003,308 38,000,000 55,960,618 56,092,171 60,000,000	31,000,000 68,192,237 22,325,325 66,981,300 - 73,064,167

The average effective special commission rate on money market placements at the year end is 5.39% p.a. (31 December 2023: 5.5 % p.a.).

8.1 As at 31 December 2024 the expected credit loss on investments classified at amortised cost is Nil (31 December 2023: insignificant)

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9. ACCRUED EXPENSES

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Management fee	108,007	120,224
Administration fee	12,336	15,346
Audit fee	16,987	8,361
Custody fee	7,346	9,167
Other accrued expenses	42,623	26,992
	187,299	180,090

As at 31 December 2024, other accrued expenses include charges to Fund Board meetings, Sharia review and Registration fees.

10. NET GAINS FROM INVESTMENTS MEASURED AT FVTPL

	31 December	31 December
	2024	2023
Realised gains / (losses)	1,419,300	(676,066)
Unrealised gains	3,744	2,232,402
	1,423,044	1,556,336

11. MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER FEES

The Fund pays management fee calculated at an annual rate of 0.5 percent per annum of the Fund's net assets (equity) attributable to the unitholders. Management fee is accrued daily and paid on a monthly basis per the Terms and Conditions of the Fund.

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

12. TRANSACTIONS 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 has transactions with the Fund Manager.

The Fund 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 the behalf of the Fund are recharged to the fund as they are incurred

The significant transactions with related parties for the year are as follows:

		Transactions		Balance	
		For the year	For the year		
		ended 31	ended 31		
		December	December	31 December	31 December
Related party	Nature of transaction	2024	2023	2024	2023
The Fund Manager	Management fee	1,541,827	1,067,193	108,007	120,224
The Fund Board Board remunerat	Board remuneration	, ,			
		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

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13. OTHER EXPENSES

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Admin fee	189,932	118,210
Custody fee	113,115	91,956
Registration fee	78,085	65,090
Professional fee	28,750	28,750
Sharia review fee	18,750	18,750
Other expenses	42,688	17,352
Board remuneration fee	10,000	10,000
CMA fee	7,500	7,500
	488,820	357,608

14. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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 measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- The principal market for the asset or liability; or
- The absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market are accessible by the Fund.

Financial instruments comprise of financial assets and financial liabilities. The Fund's financial assets consist of financial assets measured at FVTPL and financial assets measured at amortised cost.

Fair value hierarchy

The Fund uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; or

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

The table below presents the investments measured at their fair values as of reporting date based on the fair value hierarchy:

	31 December 2024				
	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at FVTPL	16,907,282	-	16,907,282	-	16,907,282
Total	16,907,282		16,907,282	-	16,907,282
		<u>, </u>	31 December 2023		
	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at FVTPL	42,484,238	-	42,484,238	-	42,484,238
Total	42,484,238		42,484,238	-	42,484,238

Other financial instruments such as cash and cash equivalents, investment at amortized cost and accrued expenses are short term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying amounts approximate fair value, because of their short-term nature and the high credit quality of counterparties. These financial instruments are categorised as level 3.

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15. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund has exposure to the following risks from financial instruments:

- credit risk;
- liquidity risk; and
- market risks.

This note presents information about the Fund's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Fund's management of capital.

Risk management framework

The Fund maintains positions in non-derivative financial instruments in accordance with its investment management strategy. The Fund's investment portfolio comprises debt securities (Sukuk and Murabaha placements).

The Fund's investment manager has been given discretionary authority to manage the assets in line with the Fund's investment objectives. Compliance with the target asset allocations and the composition of the portfolio are monitored by the Fund Board on a semi-annual basis.

Risk management framework (continued)

In instances where the portfolio has diverged from target asset allocations, the Fund's investment manager is obliged to take actions to rebalance the portfolio in line with the established targets, within the prescribed time limits.

The Fund uses different methods to measure and manage the various types of risk to which it is exposed; these methods are further explained below.

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 for its investments held at amortised cost and bank balance. The Fund Manager seeks to limit its credit risk by monitoring credit exposures and by dealing with only reputable counterparties. The Fund's policy over credit risk is to minimize its exposure to counterparties with perceived higher risk of default by dealing only with counterparties that meet the certain credit standards.

Credit risk is monitored on a regular basis by the Fund Manager to ensure it is in line with the investment guidelines of the Fund Board.

The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the statement of financial position.

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	31 December	31 December
	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	10,226,965	9,647,343
Investments measured at amortised cost	224,056,097	261,563,029
Other receivables	1,883,414	1,994,774
Total exposure to credit risk	236,166,476	273,205,146

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15. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Fund does not have a formal internal grading mechanism. Credit risk is managed and controlled by monitoring credit exposures, limiting transactions with specific counterparties and continually assessing the creditworthiness of counterparties. Based on the Fund Manager's assessment, the Fund has limited exposure to credit risk due to the following:

- a. Cash and cash equivalents are maintained with banks having sound credit ratings.
- b. Investments measured at FVTPL, investments measured at amortised cost (Murabaha placements and Sukuk) represents investments in debt securities with counterparties with sound credit ratings.

Amounts arising from ECL

Provision for expected credit losses from investments measured at amortised cost has been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the maturities of exposures. The Fund monitors credit risk closely associated with its sukuk investments and mitigates this risk by making investments with counterparties with sound credit ratings.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in releasing funds to meet commitments associated with financial liabilities.

The Fund Manager's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stress conditions, including estimated redemption of units, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Fund's reputation.

The Fund's Terms and Conditions provide for the subscriptions and redemptions of units throughout the week and it is, therefore, exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders redemptions at any time. However, the Fund is allowed to borrow in order to satisfy redemptions.

Substantially all of the Fund's cash and cash equivalents, investments at FVTPL and investments measured at amortised cost (Murabaha placements) are short-term and considered to be readily realisable.

The Fund Manager monitors liquidity requirements on a regular basis and seeks to ensure that funds are available to meet commitments as they arise.

The Fund manages its liquidity risk by investing predominantly in securities that it expects to be able to liquidate within short period of time.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices – such as commission rates, foreign exchange rates, and credit spreads – will affect the Fund's income or the fair value of its holdings in financial instruments.

The Fund's strategy for the management of market risk is driven by the Fund's investment objective as per Fund's Terms and Conditions. The Fund's market risk is managed on a timely basis by the investment manager in accordance with the policies and procedures in place. The Fund's market positions are monitored on a timely basis by the Fund Manager.

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15. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

The Fund's investments in mutual fund units are susceptible to equity price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices. The Fund Manager manages this risk through diversification of its investment portfolio in terms of geographical distribution and industry concentration.

The following table depicts the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in the prices, with other variables held constant, on the Fund's statement of comprehensive income:

	2024		2023	
Net gain / (loss) from investments measured	+5%	845,364	+ 5%	2,124,212
at FVTPL	-5%	(845,364)	- 5%	(2,124,212)

Special commission rate risk

Special commission rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in market commission rates will affect future profitability or the fair value of the financial instruments.

Special commission rate risk (continued)

The Fund is subject to special commission rate risk on its commission bearing assets, including Murabaha placements. The sensitivity of the income is the effect of assumed changes in commission rates, with all other variables held constant, on the Fund's income for the year, based on the floating rate financial assets held at 31 December 2024. The following table sets out the approximate annual aggregate impact on net income by hypothetical changes in the weighted average special commission rates of the floating rate financial assets at 31 December:

	2024		20	2023	
Special commission income					
-	+ 10bps	224,056	+ 10bps	261,563	
	- 10bps	(224,056)	- 10bps	(261,563)	
	+ 50bps	1,120,280	+ 50bps	1,307,815	
	- 50bps	(1,120,280)	- 50bps	(1,307,815)	

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 Manager believes that there is minimal risk of significant losses due to exchange rate fluctuation as the majority of monetary assets and liabilities are in currencies linked to the Saudi Riyal. In addition, as the Fund's foreign currency transactions are primarily in US dollars which is pegged with the Saudi Riyal, foreign exchange gains and losses are not significant.

16. LAST VALUATION DAY

The last valuation day of the year was 31 December 2024 (2023: 31 December 2023).

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17. 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:

	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	Class A	Class B	Class A	Class B
Apportioned NAV	221,301,450	31,585,008	249,635,909	65,873,385
NAV per unit	12.2767	12.3703	11.6795	11.7012

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events after the statement of financial position date which require adjustments to/or disclosure in the financial statements.

19. DATE OF AUTHORISATION

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Fund Board on 12 March 2025 (corresponding to 12 Ramadan 1446H).