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# MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

Annual Report  
For the financial year ended 31 August 2023

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## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### Manager's report For the financial year ended 31 August 2023

#### A. Fund Information

**1. Name of the Fund**

Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund ("the Fund")

**2. Type of Fund**

Income and growth

**3. Category of Fund**

Equity

**4. Duration of the Fund**

The Fund is an open-ended Fund.

**5. Fund launch date/ Commencement date**

7 January 2003/ 28 January 2003

**6. Fund's investment objective**

The Fund seeks to provide investors with income and capital growth for Medium to Long Term through investments that comply with ethical principles.

**7. Fund distribution policy**

Income distribution (if any) is declared at the end of the financial year of the Fund or for any specified period at the Manager's discretion, subject to Trustee's approval.

**8. Ethical Principles**

The Fund will screen its investments and remove companies whose principal business involves the promotion of gambling, tobacco and alcohol. This screen is known as the *negative filter*. The Fund will also abstain from investing in companies that have violated ethical principles outlined on the Prospectus dated 17 January 2020. The remaining securities after the negative filters are deemed as ethical. The Fund also has *positive filters* as follows:

	<b>Positive Filters</b>	<b>Examples</b>
i.	Environmentally friendly	- Provides eco-friendly products and services - Prevention of pollution - Recycling
ii.	Promotes healthy social values	- Promotes sports, community projects - Fulfils social obligations - Charitable - Good community relations
iii.	Maintain good corporate governance	- Ensures compliance to regulations and proper dissemination of information to stakeholders and employees - Steering management to enhance well-being of employees and customers

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### Manager's report

For the financial year ended 31 August 2023 (cont'd)

#### A. Fund Information (cont'd)

##### 9. Fund's performance benchmark

FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("FBM KLCI")

##### 10. The Fund's investment policy and principal investment strategy

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest between 70% to 98% of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") in shares, and between 2% to 30% of the Fund's NAV in cash or fixed income securities (or a combination of both).

##### 11. Net income distribution for the financial year ended 31 August 2023

The Fund declared an income distribution of RM 2,704,278 for the financial year ended 31 August 2023.

Below are details of distributions made during the financial year:

Distribution date (ex-date)	Gross/ Net distribution per unit (sen)
28 August 2023	0.81

Below is the impact of the distribution to the Fund's NAV:

Distribution date (ex-date)	Before distribution (RM)	After distribution (RM)	Changes (%)
28 August 2023	0.3292	0.3211	2.46

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### Manager's report

For the financial year ended 31 August 2023 (cont'd)

### B. Performance Review

#### 1. Key performance data of the Fund

Category	2023	2022	2021
<b>Portfolio</b>			
<b>Quoted equities - Local</b>			
Construction	3.66	2.39	3.49
Consumer Products & Services	5.64	1.61	1.77
Energy	4.88	4.71	3.56
Financial Services	29.39	29.37	21.39
Industrial Products	5.86	5.53	11.31
Plantations	3.99	4.40	3.66
Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs")	4.38	4.57	4.44
Technology	7.43	7.78	14.19
Telecommunications & Media	5.91	5.94	7.70
Transportation & Logistics	2.19	3.66	3.54
Utilities	8.41	5.12	3.85
<b>Quoted equities - Foreign</b>			
Hong Kong	0.54	-	-
Singapore	1.56	3.56	4.21
<b>Cash and other net assets (%)</b>	16.16	21.36	16.89
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
NAV (RM'000)	107,344	102,899	112,073
Units in circulation (units'000)	333,815	328,302	335,960
NAV per unit (RM)	0.3216	0.3134	0.3336
Highest NAV per unit (RM)	0.3277	0.3427	0.3441
Lowest NAV per unit (RM)	0.2978	0.3029	0.2953
Net income distributed (RM'000)	2,704	2,563	2,722
Distribution date	Refer to Note 14 of the financial statements		
Gross distribution per unit (sen)	0.81	0.80	0.83
Net distribution per unit (sen)	0.81	0.80	0.83
Annual total return (%) <sup>(1)</sup>			
- Capital growth (%)	2.62	(6.06)	8.00
- Income distribution (%)	2.53	2.56	2.00
Total return (%)	5.22	(3.65)	10.69
Benchmark (%)	(3.98)	(5.58)	4.99
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.69	1.65	1.70
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.11	0.19	0.43

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### Manager's report

For the financial year ended 31 August 2023 (cont'd)

### B. Performance Review (cont'd)

#### 1. Key performance data of the Fund (cont'd)

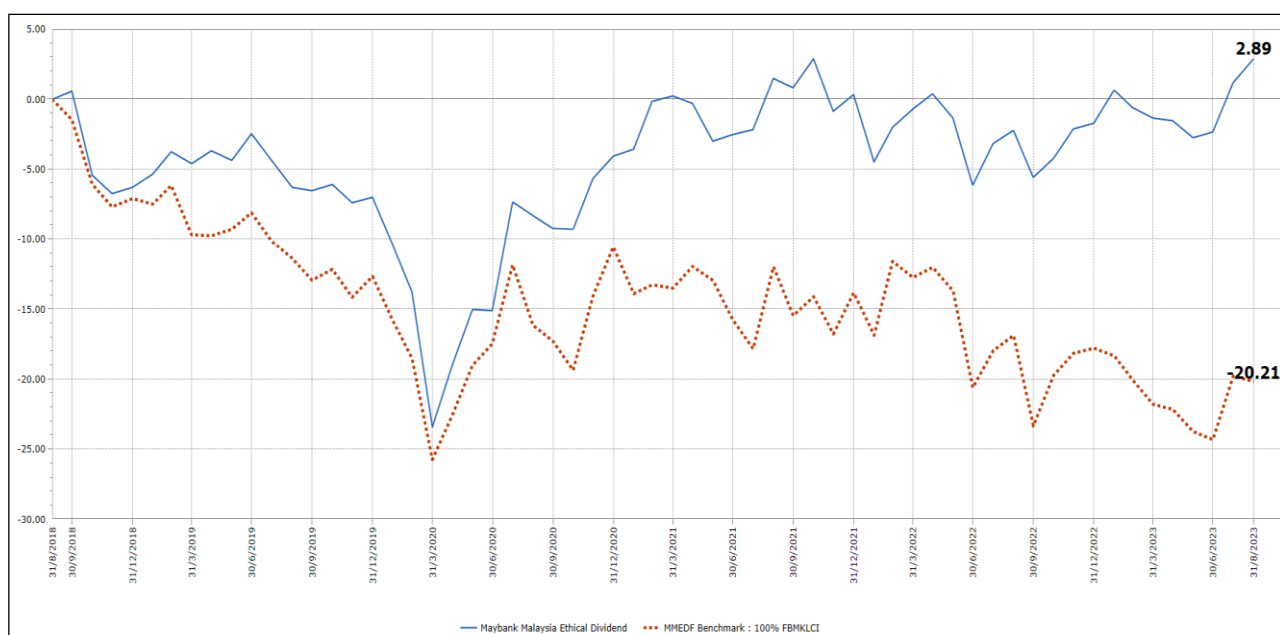
##### Notes:

- (1) Actual return of the Fund for the financial year is computed based on the daily average NAV per unit, net of Manager's and Trustee's fees.
- (2) The TER of the Fund increased to 1.69% due to decrease of daily average NAV during the current financial year under review.
- (3) The PTR of the Fund decreased to 0.11 times due to lower investing activities during the current financial year under review.

*Investors are reminded that past performance of the Fund is not necessarily an indicative of its future performance and that unit prices and investment returns may fluctuate.*

#### 2. Performance of the Fund up to 31 August 2023

Category	1 year to 31.08.2023 %	3 years to 31.08.2023 %	5 years to 31.08.2023 %
Capital growth	2.62	4.11	(11.11)
Income distribution	2.53	7.78	15.75
Total return of the Fund	5.22	12.21	2.89
Benchmark	(3.98)	(4.80)	(20.21)
Average total return	5.22	3.91	0.57



Source: Lipper as at 31 August 2023

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### Manager's report

For the financial year ended 31 August 2023 (cont'd)

#### B. Performance Review (cont'd)

##### 2. Performance of the Fund up to 31 August 2023 (cont'd)

For the year under review, the Fund posted a gain of 5.22%, outperforming its benchmark which posted a loss of 3.98%. The outperformance was mainly due to the overweighting of the Fund in the industrials and the better selection in the energy sector. Besides that, the underweighting of the Fund in the materials sector also contributed to the outperformance.

##### Has the Fund met its objective?

For the year under review, the Fund has met its objective of providing investors with income and growth for medium to long term through investments that comply with ethical principles as it has provided income for the past few years and posted a positive return over the 3 and 5-year period.

##### 3. Annual total return of the Fund

For the financial year ended	2023 %	2022 %	2021 %	2020 %	2019 %
Capital growth	2.62	(6.06)	8.00	(2.15)	(12.74)
Income distribution	2.53	2.56	2.49	-	7.40
Total return	5.22	(3.65)	10.69	(2.15)	(6.29)
Benchmark	(3.98)	(5.58)	4.99	(5.39)	(11.40)

##### 4. Basis of calculation made in calculating the returns:

The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/ decline in NAV after taking into account all the distributions payable (if any) during the stipulated period.

An illustration of the above would be as follows:

Capital return	=	(NAV per unit end/ NAV per unit begin) - 1
Income return	=	Income distribution per unit/ NAV per unit ex-date
Total return	=	(1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) - 1



## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### Manager's report For the financial year ended 31 August 2023 (cont'd)

#### C. Market Review

During the year under review, global equity markets were volatile, as the investors were faced with plethora of challenges that began with the Russia-Ukraine war, sharp rise in inflation, aggressive monetary policy tightening and ultimately the risks of a global recession. Equity markets staged a rebound in late 2022 largely driven by signs that the pace of interest rate hikes in the United States ("US") is slowing and inflation could have peaked. Investors began bargain hunting especially on stocks that were deemed oversold which were broadly in the growth sectors. These stocks were earlier sold-off on valuation de-rating amidst the rising interest rates and inflation. Indeed, 2023 started well as the outlook for the global economy looks better than expected, with the US and Europe showing resiliency helped by the lower energy prices and the re-opening economy in China. However, this was quickly dampened by the developments in the global banking sector that posed new uncertainty on the direction of monetary policy. While the developed market ("DM") financial sector events were distinctive and has stopped short of a systematic risk, it does potentially lead to tighter lending environment and slower economic activity. In June 2023 to July 2023, equity markets did saw a rally but was narrowed to the Artificial Intelligence ("AI") theme which dominated to mostly stocks that benefit from this frenzy. However, this was short-lived as market fell on higher yields and weak data from China in August 2023.

As at financial year, Dow Jones and Standard & Poor's 500 ("S&P500") performed, rising 14.0% and 10.2% respectively. European markets were also positive, with the Stoxx 50 up by 22.2%. North Asia was mixed, with Japan and Taiwan gaining 16.1% and 10.2% respectively whereas Hong Kong and Shanghai was down by 7.9% and 2.6% respectively. Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") was also mixed during the year under review. Singapore was up slightly at 0.4% whereas the other markets saw a decline, with Philippines being the worst performer, down 6.2%, followed by Thailand - 4.5% and Indonesia -3.1%.

Domestically, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia ("FBM") Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("KLCI") was also down 4.0%. However, the broader market FBM Emas Index performed better, posting a slight gain of 0.4% for the one-year period ending 31 August 2023. FBM SmallCap Index was also up, chalking a spectacular gain of 11.8%. Throughout the year under review, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") raised the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") three times, bringing it up to 3.0%. BNM is expected to keep rates on hold as recent Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") data of 2.9% missed expectations and hit a low in nearly 2 years. Corporate reporting season in August 2023 was generally within expectations. In comparison to the preceding quarter, there was a reduction in results disappointments. Sector wise, automotive, building materials, transportation and gaming were amongst the best performing sectors. Conversely, sectors that missed expectations were mainly from construction (cost pressures impacting margins), gloves (hit in sales volume) and plantation (lower than expected output).

## **MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

### **Manager's report**

**For the financial year ended 31 August 2023 (cont'd)**

#### **D. Market Outlook and Strategy**

We maintain our longer term positive stance on Malaysian equity markets but we remain wary on the risks of inflation and the pressure on global growth. Whilst the narrative has turned less negative due to signs of peaking interest rate hike cycle, the risk of global slowdown still remains. For Malaysia, downward revisions on corporate earnings is also a key risk. However, any significant weaknesses in the market could present a buying opportunity for the longer term. Strategy wise, we would continue to adopt a barbell approach with our portfolio structure by having a balance exposure into growth and defensive sectors to navigate market volatility while remaining nimble in our approach.

#### **E. Soft Commissions and Rebates**

The Manager and its delegates will not retain any form of soft commissions and rebates from or otherwise share in any commission with any broker in consideration for directing dealings in the investments of the Fund unless the commission received is retained in the form of goods and services such as financial wire services and stock quotations system incidental to investment management of the Fund. All dealings with brokers are executed on best available terms and have also executed trades for other Funds or investments managed by the Manager.

During the financial year under review, the Manager and its delegates did not receive any rebates from the brokers or dealers but have retained soft commissions in the form of goods and services such as research materials and advisory services that assist in decision making process relating to the investment of the Fund (i.e. research materials, data and quotation services, computer hardware and software incidental to the investment management of the Fund and investment advisory services) which were of demonstrable benefits to the unitholders. The soft commissions received were for the benefit of the Fund and there were no churning of trades.

#### **F. Securities Financing Transactions and Cross Trade Transactions**

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transaction ("securities financing transactions") in FY2023. No cross trade transactions have been carried out in FY2023.

## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

### **TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND ("Fund")**

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 August 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Management Company under the Deeds, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deeds; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

We are of the opinion that the distribution of income by the Fund is appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat  
Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring  
Kuala Lumpur  
21 October 2023

## **REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

### **TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

We have acted as the Investment Committee of Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund ("the Fund"). Our responsibility is to ensure that the procedures and processes employed by Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("the Manager") and that the provisions of the Deeds dated 4 December 2002, 12 March 2012, 20 June 2012, 27 January 2016, 4 September 2018, 11 July 2019, 5 August 2022 and 8 August 2023 are in accordance with the Ethical Principles set out for the Fund.

The Portfolio Management Committee of the Manager deliberates and approves on the composition of the ethical stock selection list at least twice a year, in accordance to the investment policy and strategy set out in the latest Master Prospectus, the Deeds and fund management policies.

In our opinion, the Manager has managed and administered the Fund in accordance with Ethical Principles and complied with applicable guidelines, ruling or decision issued by any relevant laws pertaining to ethical matters.

For and on behalf of the Investment Committee of Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund.

**Shirley Goh**  
Chairman of Investment Committee

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
19 October 2023

## **STATEMENT BY MANAGER**

### **TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

We, Dr Hasnita Binti Dato' Hashim and Ahmed Muzni Bin Mohamed, being two of the Directors of Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd (the "Manager") do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund as at 31 August 2023 and of its results, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and cash flows for the financial year then ended and comply with the requirements of the Deeds.

For and on behalf of the Manager

**Dr Hasnita Binti Dato' Hashim**  
Chairman

**Ahmed Muzni Bin Mohamed**  
Director

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
21 October 2023

## **Independent auditors' report to the unit holders of Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund ("the Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and statement of cash flows of the Fund for the financial year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 8 to 42.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### *Basis for opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 audit opinion.

#### *Independence and other ethical responsibilities*

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By-Laws") and the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

#### *Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon*

The Manager of the Fund ("the Manager") is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report of the Fund, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors' report thereon.

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

## **Independent auditors' report to the unitholders of Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund (cont'd)**

### *Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon (cont'd)*

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund 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.

### *Responsibilities of the Manager and Trustee for the financial statements*

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

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the Manager 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 Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustee is responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process. The Trustee is also responsible for ensuring that the Manager maintains proper accounting and other records as are necessary to enable true and fair presentation of these financial statements.

### *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing 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.

## **Independent auditors' report to the unitholders of Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund (cont'd)**

### *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)*

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, 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 of the Fund, 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 Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager'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 auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund 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 auditors' 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 of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Manager 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.



**Independent auditors' report to the unitholders of  
Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund (cont'd)**

**Other matters**

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

Ernst & Young PLT  
202006000003 (LLP0022760-LCA) & AF 0039  
Chartered Accountants

Yeo Beng Yean  
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Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
21 October 2023

**MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME/ (LOSS)</b>			
Dividend income		7,144,646	3,137,378
Interest income		567,601	211,295
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")			
- Unrealised gain/ (loss)		1,654,771	(9,814,261)
- Realised (loss)/ gain		(2,605,694)	3,766,745
Net gain on foreign exchange	3	486,672	492,447
		<u>7,247,996</u>	<u>(2,206,396)</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Manager's fee	4	1,587,560	1,583,123
Trustee's fee	5	84,670	84,433
Auditors' remuneration		9,270	9,000
Tax agent's fee		3,900	3,860
Brokerage and other transaction fees		46,434	79,769
Administrative expenses		58,492	63,391
		<u>1,790,326</u>	<u>1,823,576</u>
<b>Net results before taxation</b>		5,457,670	(4,029,972)
Taxation	6	(33,858)	(36,726)
<b>Net results after taxation, representing the total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the financial year</b>		<u>5,423,812</u>	<u>(4,066,698)</u>
<b>Net results after taxation is made up of the followings:</b>			
Net realised income		3,500,345	5,289,564
Net unrealised income/ (loss)		1,923,467	(9,356,262)
		<u>5,423,812</u>	<u>(4,066,698)</u>
<b>Distributions for the financial year:</b>			
Net distributions	14	2,704,278	2,563,488
Gross/ Net distribution per unit (sen)	14	0.81	0.80
Distribution date	14	Kindly refer to Note 14	Kindly refer to Note 14

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the audited financial statements.

**MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	7	90,022,544	80,919,667
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	8	12,517,260	16,137,970
Dividend receivable		61,743	168,903
Interest receivable		2,023	1,990
Amount due from Manager	9	-	94
Amount due from broker	10	552,064	-
Cash at bank	11	7,851,577	5,926,269
Tax recoverable		4,499	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>111,011,710</b>	<b>103,154,893</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amount due to Manager	9	160,653	229,919
Amount due to Trustee	12	7,423	6,937
Amount due to broker	10	776,499	-
Provision for tax		-	2,889
Other payables and accruals		19,324	16,232
Distribution payable		2,704,278	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,668,177</b>	<b>255,977</b>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") OF THE FUND ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS OF THE FUND</b>			
		<b>107,343,533</b>	<b>102,898,916</b>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS OF THE FUND COMPRISE:</b>			
Unitholders' capital	13 (a)	103,930,131	102,205,048
Retained earnings	13(b) & 13(c)	3,413,402	693,868
		<b>107,343,533</b>	<b>102,898,916</b>
<b>NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)</b>			
	13 (a)	<b>333,815,281</b>	<b>328,301,814</b>
<b>NAV PER UNIT</b>			
		<b>0.3216</b>	<b>0.3134</b>

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**MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	<b>Unitholders' capital Note 13(a) RM</b>	<b>Retained earnings Note 13(b) &amp; 13(c) RM</b>	<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders RM</b>
At 1 September 2022	102,205,048	693,868	102,898,916
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	5,423,812	5,423,812
Creation of units	3,236,833	-	3,236,833
Reinvestment of units	2,704,278	-	2,704,278
Cancellation of units	(4,216,028)	-	(4,216,028)
Distribution (Note 14)	-	(2,704,278)	(2,704,278)
At 31 August 2023	<u>103,930,131</u>	<u>3,413,402</u>	<u>107,343,533</u>
At 1 September 2021	104,749,344	7,324,054	112,073,398
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(4,066,698)	(4,066,698)
Creation of units	29,590	-	29,590
Reinvestment of units	2,563,488	-	2,563,488
Cancellation of units	(5,137,374)	-	(5,137,374)
Distribution (Note 14)	-	(2,563,488)	(2,563,488)
At 31 August 2022	<u>102,205,048</u>	<u>693,868</u>	<u>102,898,916</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the audited financial statements.

**MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net proceeds from sale of investments	7,181,725	23,670,962
Net purchase of investments	(16,812,720)	(17,238,954)
Dividend received	7,220,407	3,000,649
Interest received	490,866	207,693
Manager's fee paid	(1,578,448)	(1,592,733)
Trustee's fee paid	(84,184)	(84,946)
Payment of other fees and expenses	30,780	(70,432)
Net cash (used in)/ generated from operating and investing activities	<u>(3,551,574)</u>	<u>7,892,239</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from creation of units	5,941,208	29,590
Payments for cancellation of units	(4,294,406)	(5,126,971)
Net cash generated from/ (used in) financing activities	<u>1,646,802</u>	<u>(5,097,381)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>(1,904,772)</b>	<b>2,794,858</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>22,064,239</b>	<b>19,129,688</b>
Effect on foreign exchange	209,370	139,693
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b><u>20,368,837</u></b>	<b><u>22,064,239</u></b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS COMPRISE:</b>		
Cash at bank (Note 11)	7,851,577	5,926,269
Deposits with licensed financial institutions (Note 8)	12,517,260	16,137,970
	<u>20,368,837</u>	<u>22,064,239</u>

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## **MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

#### **1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Maybank Malaysia Ethical Dividend Fund ("the Fund") was constituted pursuant to the executed Deed dated 4 December 2002 between Amanah Mutual Berhad as the Manager, and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad as the Trustee and the Registered Holders of the Fund. Subsequently, Supplemental Deeds dated 12 March 2012, 20 June 2012 and 27 January 2016 made between Amanah Mutual Berhad ("AMB") and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad have been issued. The Fund commenced operations on 7 January 2003 and will continue to be in operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under the Deed.

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in a selected portfolio of investments that comply with Ethical Principles. The investments mainly include equities quoted on Bursa Malaysia, fixed income securities and short term deposits. The Fund may also invest in stocks that derive the majority of their revenue from the Asia Pacific markets.

The Manager, a company incorporated in Malaysia, is principally engaged in the management of unit trust funds. Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad ("ASNB") and Permodalan Nasional Berhad, companies incorporated in Malaysia, were the holding and ultimate holding company of the Manager until 16 May 2018.

Following the acquisition of AMB by Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("MAM"), the immediate and ultimate holding companies of AMB has been changed to MAM and Malayan Banking Berhad ("MBB") respectively effective 17 May 2018.

MAM and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd as the Trustee had entered into a Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 4 September 2018 to change the name of the Fund and to appoint MAM as the replacement Manager of the Fund effective 1 November 2018. MAM and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd as the Trustee had entered into a Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 11 July 2019 to change the name of the Fund dated 17 January 2020. Subsequently, MAM and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd as the Trustee entered into a Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 5 August 2022 and Seventh Supplemental Deed dated 8 August 2023.

MAM is a company incorporated in Malaysia. It is a holder of the Capital Markets Services Licence ("CMSL") with fund management as its regulated activity under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 ("CMSA"). The principal place of business of MAM is at Level 12, Tower C, Dataran Maybank, No. 1 Jalan Maarof, 59000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. MAM is a subsidiary of Maybank Asset Management Group Berhad ("MAMG"), which in turn is a subsidiary of MBB.

The financial statement were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors (the "Directors") of the Manager in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 21 October 2023.

#### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") as issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), the Deeds and any regulatory requirements.

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

The Fund has adopted the MFRS, Amendments to Standards and Interpretations Committee ("IC") Interpretations which have become effective during the financial year. The adoption of the new pronouncements did not result in any material impact to the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except as disclosed in the accounting policies in Note 2.3 to 2.14 to the financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM").

#### 2.2 Standards and amendments to standards issued but not yet effective

The following are Standards and Amendments to Standards issued by the MASB, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Fund's financial statements. The Fund intends to adopt the relevant standards, if applicable, when they become effective.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Effective for annual periods beginning on or after</b>
MFRS 17: <i>Insurance Contracts</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101: <i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101: <i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 108: <i>Definition of Accounting Estimates</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112: <i>Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112: <i>International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 16: <i>Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: <i>Non-current Liabilities with Covenants</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7: <i>Supplier Finance Arrangements</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: <i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</i>	Deferred

The Fund expects that the adoption of the above Standards and Amendments to Standards will not have any material impact on the financial statements in the period of initial application.

#### 2.3 Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### 2.4 Financial assets

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place.

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the assets.

##### (i) Financial assets at amortised cost

Unless designated as at FVTPL on initial recognition, debt instruments that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost less impairment loss:

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

Debt instruments that do not meet the criteria above are classified as either fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") or FVTPL.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, dividend receivables, interest receivables, amount due from Manager and amount due from broker as financial assets at amortised cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost. These assets are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method and are subject to impairment. The EIR is a method of calculating the amortised cost of the financial asset and of allocating and recognising the interest income in profit or loss over the relevant period.

##### (ii) Financial assets at FVTPL

Investments in equity instruments are classified as FVTPL, unless the Fund designates an investment that is not held for trading as FVTOCI on initial recognition.

A financial asset is recognised at FVTPL if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term;
- on initial recognition it is part of the portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Fund manages together and has evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument or a financial guarantee.

Debt instruments that do not meet the amortised cost criteria are measured at FVTPL. In addition, debt instruments that meet the amortised cost criteria but are designated as at FVTPL are measured at FVTPL. A debt instrument may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.



## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### 2.4 Financial assets (cont'd)

##### (ii) Financial assets at FVTPL (cont'd)

Debt instruments are reclassified from amortised cost to FVTPL when the business model is changed such that the amortised cost criteria are no longer met. Reclassification of debt instruments that are designated as at FVTPL on initial recognition is not allowed.

Changes in the fair value of FVTPL investments are recognised in unrealised gain/ (loss) on FVTPL investment in the profit and loss. Accumulated unrealised gains or losses are reclassified to realised (loss)/ gain on FVTPL investments in the profit or loss when the associated assets are sold.

##### (iii) Impairment

Credit losses are recognised based on the Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") model. The Fund recognises loss allowances for ECL on financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL. The impairment model does not apply to equity investments.

ECL is a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. It is 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 entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive).
- 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.

At each reporting date, the Fund assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty;
- Significant downgrade in credit rating of the instrument by a rating agency;
- A breach of contract such as a default or past due event; or
- The disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

For balances with short-term nature, full impairment will be recognised on uncollected balances after the grace period.

## **MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

#### **2.4 Financial assets (cont'd)**

##### **(iv) Derecognition**

The Fund derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Fund neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Fund recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Fund retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Fund continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of financial asset classified as FVTPL, the cumulative unrealised gain or loss previously recognised is transferred to realised gain or loss on disposal in profit or loss.

On derecognition of financial asset at amortised cost, the gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

#### **2.5 Financial liabilities**

##### **(i) Classification**

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability. The Fund classifies amount due to Manager, amount due to broker, amount due to Trustee, distribution payable and other payables and accruals, as other financial liabilities.

##### **(ii) Recognition and measurement**

Financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. The Fund's financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR/ EPR method.

##### **(iii) Derecognition**

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is extinguished. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised, and through the amortisation process.

#### **2.6 Unitholders' capital**

The unitholders' capital to the Fund met the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial year if unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

## **MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

#### **2.6 Unitholders' capital (cont'd)**

Units are created and cancelled at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

#### **2.7 Revenue/ Income**

Revenue/ Income is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive is established. Dividend revenue is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions is recognised on the accruals basis using the EPR/ EIR method.

Realised gain and loss on disposal of investments is accounted for as the difference between net disposal proceeds and the carrying amounts of the investments and recognised in profit or loss.

Other revenue/ income is generally recognised when the Fund satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service or an asset to a customer. An asset is transferred when (or as) the customer obtains control of the asset.

#### **2.8 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and deposit with licensed financial institution with original maturity of three months or less which have an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### **2.9 Taxation**

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the tax authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Current taxes are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. Current tax expense is determined according to Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable income earned during the financial year.

In some jurisdictions, investment income is subject to withholding tax deducted at the source of the income. Withholding tax is a generic term used for the amount of withholding tax deducted at the source of the income and is not significant for the Fund. The Fund presents the withholding tax separately from the gross investment income in the statement of comprehensive income.

No deferred tax is recognised as there are no material temporary differences.

## **MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

#### **2.10 Fair value measurement**

The Fund measures its investments at FVTPL at fair value at each reporting date. 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 or transfer the liability takes place either:

- (i) In the principal market for the asset or liability; or
- (ii) In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to by the Fund.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial assets takes into account a market participants' ability to generate economic benefits by using the assets in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the assets in its highest and best use.

All assets for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.

Level 3: Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For assets that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Fund determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting date.

#### **2.11 Functional and foreign currency**

##### **(a) Functional and presentation currency**

The financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is also the Fund's functional currency.

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### 2.11 Functional and foreign currency (cont'd)

##### (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of transactions or valuations where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at financial period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

#### 2.12 Distributions

Any distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserves except where distribution is sourced out of distribution equalisation which is accounted for as a deduction from unitholders' capital. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the year in which it is approved.

#### 2.13 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting used by the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is responsible for the allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments.

#### 2.14 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements requires the Manager to make judgements, estimates and assumption that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability in the future.

No major judgement have been made by the Manager in applying the Fund's accounting policies. There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

### 3. NET GAIN ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Net unrealised gain on foreign exchange	268,696	457,999
Net realised gain on foreign exchange	217,976	34,448
	<u>486,672</u>	<u>492,447</u>

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 4. MANAGER'S FEE

The Manager's fee is computed daily. The fee is based on 1.50% (2022: 1.50%) per annum ("p.a.") of the NAV of the Fund, before deducting Manager's fee and Trustee's fee for the day.

### 5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

The Trustee's fee is computed based on 0.08% (2022: 0.08%) p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, before deducting Manager's fee and Trustee's fee for the day, subject to a minimum of RM18,000 p.a. (2022: RM18,000 p.a.). The Trustee fee is calculated and accrued daily.

### 6. TAXATION

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Tax expense for the financial year:		
Current income tax expense		
- Local	22,552	20,441
- Foreign	11,306	16,285
	<u>33,858</u>	<u>36,726</u>

Income tax is calculated at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2022: 24%) of the estimated assessable income for the financial year.

The tax charge for the financial year is in relation to the taxable income earned by the Fund after deducting tax allowable expenses. In accordance with Schedule 6 of the Income Tax Act 1967, interest income and dividend income earned by the Fund is exempted from tax. Dividend income derived from sources outside Malaysia are exempted from Malaysia income tax. With effect from 1 January 2022, the current income tax exemption on foreign-sourced income ("FSI") received in Malaysia by Malaysian residents has been removed.

Income derived from sources outside Malaysia may be subject to tax in the country from which it is derived. Tax on dividend income from foreign quoted equities is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to net results before taxation at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the effective income tax rate of the Fund is as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Net results before taxation	<u>5,457,670</u>	<u>(4,029,972)</u>
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	1,309,841	(967,193)
Income not subject to tax	(2,364,886)	(1,825,888)
Loss not deductible for tax purposes	625,367	2,355,423
Income tax at source	33,858	36,726
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	429,678	437,658
Tax expense for the financial year	<u>33,858</u>	<u>36,726</u>

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL

		2023 RM	2022 RM
Quoted equities - local	(a)	87,770,053	77,256,613
Quoted equities - foreign	(b)	2,252,491	3,663,054
		<u>90,022,544</u>	<u>80,919,667</u>

2023	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local</b>				
<b>Construction</b>				
Econpile Holdings Bhd	3,485,500	1,911,902	1,045,650	0.97
Gamuda Bhd	641,564	2,241,897	2,887,038	2.69
	<u>4,127,064</u>	<u>4,153,799</u>	<u>3,932,688</u>	<u>3.66</u>
<b>Consumer Products &amp; Services</b>				
Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd	146,000	3,658,874	3,723,000	3.47
MSM Malaysia Holdings Bhd	1,490,300	1,881,299	1,967,196	1.83
Nestle (Malaysia) Bhd	2,800	384,402	365,400	0.34
	<u>1,639,100</u>	<u>5,924,575</u>	<u>6,055,596</u>	<u>5.64</u>
<b>Energy</b>				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd	1,115,000	1,552,169	1,940,100	1.81
Dialog Group Bhd	982,900	3,444,789	2,014,945	1.88
Yinson Holdings Bhd	509,600	1,316,315	1,279,096	1.19
	<u>2,607,500</u>	<u>6,313,273</u>	<u>5,234,141</u>	<u>4.88</u>
<b>Financial Services</b>				
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	1,431,372	7,155,734	8,058,624	7.51

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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)**

2023 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Financial Services (cont'd)</b>				
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	163,300	3,181,751	3,259,468	3.04
Hong Leong Financial Group Bhd	95,000	1,776,978	1,730,900	1.61
MBB *	850,747	7,250,551	7,750,305	7.22
Public Bank Bhd	1,250,900	5,287,829	5,291,307	4.93
RHB Bank Bhd	971,514	5,246,050	5,450,194	5.08
	4,762,833	29,898,893	31,540,798	29.39
<b>Industrial Products</b>				
Dufu Technology Corp. Bhd	565,400	1,836,928	1,057,298	0.98
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd	531,200	2,288,266	2,576,320	2.40
SKP Resources Bhd	583,000	1,079,436	562,595	0.52
SKP Resources Bhd - Warrant	93,280	-	5,130	-
Sunway Bhd - Preference Shares	202,800	202,800	379,236	0.35
Sunway Bhd	867,000	1,634,577	1,725,330	1.61
	2,842,680	7,042,007	6,305,909	5.86
<b>Plantations</b>				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	70,968	1,672,966	1,528,651	1.42
Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd	445,650	1,268,559	1,136,408	1.06
Sime Darby Plantation Bhd	368,818	1,728,870	1,619,111	1.51
	885,436	4,670,395	4,284,170	3.99



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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)**

2023 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs")</b>				
Axis REIT	1,331,266	2,428,468	2,489,467	2.32
IGB REIT	1,359,400	2,456,967	2,215,822	2.06
	2,690,666	4,885,435	4,705,289	4.38
<b>Technology</b>				
Frontken Corp Bhd - Warrant	139,650	-	32,818	0.03
Globetronics Technology Bhd	691,900	1,621,622	1,100,121	1.02
Inari Amerton Bhd	900,500	2,080,262	2,836,575	2.64
Penmaster Corporation Bhd	223,700	1,100,336	1,183,373	1.10
Unisem (M) Bhd	392,200	1,216,030	1,282,494	1.19
Vitrox Corp Bhd	205,000	952,594	1,553,900	1.45
	2,552,950	6,970,844	7,989,281	7.43
<b>Telecommunications &amp; Media</b>				
Digi.Com Bhd	315,000	1,453,726	1,379,700	1.29
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	431,561	2,348,237	2,200,961	2.05
Time Dotcom Bhd	502,200	2,249,422	2,762,100	2.57
	1,248,761	6,051,385	6,342,761	5.91
<b>Transportation &amp; Logistics</b>				
Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd	319,045	2,076,495	2,351,362	2.19
<b>Utilities</b>				
Mega First Corporation Bhd	427,600	1,512,018	1,423,908	1.33

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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)**

2023 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Utilities (cont'd)</b>				
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	637,000	7,426,013	6,268,080	5.84
YTL Corporation Bhd	851,000	1,116,427	1,336,070	1.24
	<u>1,915,600</u>	<u>10,054,458</u>	<u>9,028,058</u>	<u>8.41</u>
Total quoted equities - local	<u>25,591,635</u>	<u>88,041,559</u>	<u>87,770,053</u>	<u>81.74</u>
<b>(b) Quoted equities - foreign</b>				
<b>Hong Kong</b>				
Tencent Holdings Ltd	2,900	495,949	558,389	0.52
Meituan	290	25,957	23,001	0.02
	<u>3,190</u>	<u>521,906</u>	<u>581,390</u>	<u>0.54</u>
<b>Singapore</b>				
Capitaland Ascendas REIT	174,370	1,588,679	1,671,101	1.56
Total quoted equities - foreign	<u>177,560</u>	<u>2,110,585</u>	<u>2,252,491</u>	<u>2.10</u>
<b>Total quoted equities</b>	<u>25,769,195</u>	<u>90,152,144</u>	<u>90,022,544</u>	<u>83.84</u>
<b>Unrealised loss on FVTPL investments **</b>			<u>(129,600)</u>	
<b>2022</b>				
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local</b>				
<b>Construction</b>				
Econpile Holdings Bhd	5,076,400	2,784,558	837,606	0.81
Gamuda Bhd	425,499	1,323,413	1,625,406	1.58
	<u>5,501,899</u>	<u>4,107,971</u>	<u>2,463,012</u>	<u>2.39</u>

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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)**

2022 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Consumer Products &amp; Services</b>				
Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd	57,600	1,795,777	1,289,088	1.25
Nestle (Malaysia) Bhd	2,800	384,402	372,400	0.36
	<u>60,400</u>	<u>2,180,179</u>	<u>1,661,488</u>	<u>1.61</u>
<b>Energy</b>				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd	1,245,500	1,733,835	1,357,595	1.32
Dialog Group Bhd	982,900	3,444,789	2,388,447	2.32
Yinson Holdings Bhd	509,600	1,316,315	1,075,256	1.04
Yinson Holdings Bhd - Warrant	62,400	-	35,568	0.03
	<u>2,800,400</u>	<u>6,494,939</u>	<u>4,856,866</u>	<u>4.71</u>
<b>Financial Services</b>				
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	1,254,422	6,216,133	6,736,246	6.55
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	129,900	2,502,692	2,714,910	2.64
Hong Leong Financial Group Bhd	95,000	1,776,978	1,844,900	1.79
MBB *	843,700	7,191,497	7,567,989	7.35
Public Bank Bhd	1,250,900	5,287,829	5,891,739	5.73
RHB Bank Bhd	951,798	5,150,394	5,463,321	5.31
	<u>4,525,720</u>	<u>28,125,523</u>	<u>30,219,105</u>	<u>29.37</u>

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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)**

2022 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Industrial Products</b>				
Dufu Technology Corp. Bhd	565,400	1,836,928	1,628,352	1.58
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd	578,600	2,458,181	2,765,708	2.69
SKP Resources Bhd	583,000	1,079,436	991,100	0.96
SKP Resources Bhd - Warrant	93,280	-	11,660	0.01
Sunway Bhd - Preference Shares	202,800	202,800	298,116	0.29
	2,023,080	5,577,345	5,694,936	5.53
<b>Plantations</b>				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	70,968	1,672,966	1,642,200	1.60
Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd	445,650	1,268,559	1,229,994	1.20
Sime Darby Plantation Bhd	368,818	1,728,870	1,644,928	1.60
	885,436	4,670,395	4,517,122	4.40
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs")</b>				
Axis REIT	1,331,266	2,428,468	2,502,780	2.43
IGB REIT	1,359,400	2,456,967	2,202,228	2.14
	2,690,666	4,885,435	4,705,008	4.57
<b>Technology</b>				
Frontken Corp Bhd	301,450	392,127	838,031	0.81
Frontken Corp Bhd - Warrant	139,650	-	38,404	0.04
Globetronics Technology Bhd	691,900	1,621,622	871,794	0.85
Inari Amerton Bhd	534,500	953,056	1,448,495	1.41

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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)**

2022 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(a) Quoted equities - local (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Technology (cont'd)</b>				
Malaysian Pacific Industries Bhd	32,700	366,786	1,005,852	0.98
My EG Services Bhd	1,546,500	1,603,875	1,237,200	1.20
Unisem (M) Bhd	392,200	1,216,030	1,082,472	1.05
Vitrox Corp Bhd	205,000	952,594	1,478,050	1.44
	<u>3,843,900</u>	<u>7,106,090</u>	<u>8,000,298</u>	<u>7.78</u>
<b>Telecommunications &amp; Media</b>				
Digi.Com Bhd	315,000	1,453,726	1,181,250	1.15
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	424,500	2,310,037	2,534,265	2.46
Time Dotcom Bhd	502,200	2,249,422	2,395,494	2.33
	<u>1,241,700</u>	<u>6,013,185</u>	<u>6,111,009</u>	<u>5.94</u>
<b>Transportation &amp; Logistics</b>				
Lingkaran Trans Kota Holdings Bhd	771,600	3,351,099	3,765,408	3.66
<b>Utilities</b>				
Mega First Corporation Bhd	427,600	1,512,018	1,552,188	1.51
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	412,700	5,347,548	3,710,173	3.61
	<u>840,300</u>	<u>6,859,566</u>	<u>5,262,361</u>	<u>5.12</u>
Total quoted equities - local	<u>25,185,101</u>	<u>79,371,727</u>	<u>77,256,613</u>	<u>75.08</u>

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### 7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (CONT'D)

2022 (cont'd)	Quantity Unit	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
<b>(b) Quoted equities - foreign</b>				
<b>Singapore</b>				
AEM Holdings Ltd	66,000	712,273	966,903	0.94
Ascendas REIT	292,670	2,666,505	2,696,151	2.62
Total quoted equities - foreign	358,670	3,378,778	3,663,054	3.56
<b>Total quoted equities</b>	<b>25,543,771</b>	<b>82,750,505</b>	<b>80,919,667</b>	<b>78.64</b>
<b>Unrealised loss on FVTPL investments **</b>			<b>(1,830,838)</b>	

\* MBB is the ultimate holding company of the Manager.

\*\* The unrealised gain/ (loss) on FVTPL investments comprise the amounts arising from changes in fair values and effects from foreign exchange.

### 8. DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Short-term placement with an original maturity of less than 3 months	12,517,260	16,137,970

The weighted average effective profit rates ("WAEPR")/ weighted average effective interest rates ("WAEIR") of deposits and the average maturity of deposits as at the reporting date were as follows:

	2023		2022	
	WAEIR % p.a.	Average maturity Days	WAEIR % p.a.	Average maturity Days
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	2.95	2	2.25	2

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### 9. AMOUNT DUE FROM/ (TO) MANAGER

		2023 RM	2022 RM
Amount due from Manager is in respect of:			
Creation of units	(i)	-	94
Amount due to Manager is in respect of:			
Management fee	(ii)	139,172	130,060
Cancellation of units	(iii)	21,481	99,859
		<u>160,653</u>	<u>229,919</u>

(i) The amount represents amount receivable from the Manager for units created.

(ii) The amount represents the amount payable to the Manager arising from the accruals for Manager's fee at the end of the financial year. The normal credit term for Manager's fee is 15 days (2022: 15 days).

(iii) The amount represents amount payable to the Manager for units redeemed or cancelled.

### 10. AMOUNT DUE FROM/ (TO) BROKERS

The amount due from/ (to) brokers relates to the amount receivable/ (payable) to brokers arising from the sales/ (purchases) of investments. The settlement period for this receivable/ (payable) is within 2-3 working days from the deal date.

### 11. CASH AT BANK

The table below indicates the currencies that the Fund have in cash at bank as at the reporting date:

	2023 RM	2022 RM
US Dollar ("USD")	7,813,673	5,910,781
RM	37,904	15,488
	<u>7,851,577</u>	<u>5,926,269</u>

### 12. AMOUNT DUE TO TRUSTEE

The amount due to Trustee relates to the amount payable arising from the accrual for Trustee's fee at the end of the financial year. The normal credit term is 15 days (2022: 15 days).

### 13. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS OF THE FUND

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
Unitholders' capital	(a)	103,930,131	102,205,048
Accumulated realised income	(b)	2,952,223	2,156,156
Accumulated unrealised income/ (loss)	(c)	461,179	(1,462,288)
		<u>107,343,533</u>	<u>102,898,916</u>

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### 13. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS OF THE FUND (CONT'D)

#### (a) Unitholders' capital

	2023		2022	
	Units	RM	Units	RM
At the beginning of the financial year	328,301,814	102,205,048	335,960,173	104,749,344
Creation of units	10,310,796	3,236,833	91,357	29,590
Reinvestment of units	8,408,823	2,704,278	8,179,605	2,563,488
Cancellation of units	(13,206,152)	(4,216,028)	(15,929,321)	(5,137,374)
At the end of the financial year	<u>333,815,281</u>	<u>103,930,131</u>	<u>328,301,814</u>	<u>102,205,048</u>

	2023		2022	
	No. of units	Valued at NAV RM	No. of units	Valued at NAV RM
MBB, the ultimate holding of the Manager	<u>66,064,612</u>	<u>21,246,379</u>	<u>64,441,550</u>	<u>20,195,982</u>

The units previously held beneficially by the Manager for booking purposes, and are within the prescribed limit allowed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Other than the above, there were no units held by the directors or parties related to the Manager.

#### (b) Accumulated realised income

	2023 RM	2022 RM
At the beginning of the financial year	2,156,156	(569,920)
Net realised income for the financial year	3,500,345	5,289,564
Distribution out of retained earnings (Note 14)	(2,704,278)	(2,563,488)
At the end of the financial year	<u>2,952,223</u>	<u>2,156,156</u>

#### (c) Accumulated unrealised income/ (loss)

	2023 RM	2022 RM
At the beginning of the financial year	(1,462,288)	7,893,974
Net unrealised income/ (loss) for the financial year	1,923,467	(9,356,262)
At the end of the financial year	<u>461,179</u>	<u>(1,462,288)</u>



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### 14. DISTRIBUTION

The sources of distribution to the unitholders in the current financial year are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Dividend income	3,467,081	3,129,782
Interest income	278,961	213,394
Net realised gain on sale of investments	239,109	4,267,884
Less: Expenses	(1,280,873)	(5,047,572)
Distribution for the financial year	<u>2,704,278</u>	<u>2,563,488</u>

The details of the distribution declared in the current financial year are as follows:

Gross/ Net distribution per unit (sen)	<u>0.81</u>	<u>0.80</u>
Distribution date (ex-date)	<u>28 August 2023</u>	<u>25 August 2022</u>

The distributions declared were settled in the form of units and presented as reinvestment of units in Note 13(a) on payment date.

The composition of distributions are as follows:

Source of distribution	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	Total distribution RM	Composition of distribution in percentage %	Total distribution RM	Composition of distribution in percentage %
- Income distribution	2,704,278	100.00	2,563,488	100.00
- Capital distribution	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,704,278</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>2,563,488</u>	<u>100.00</u>

### 15. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/ DEALERS/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Details of transactions with brokers/ dealers for the current financial year are as follows:

<b>2023</b>	Value of trade RM	Percent of total trade %	Brokerage fees RM	Percent of brokerage fees %
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	5,691,460	22.84	11,382	25.65
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	4,988,927	20.02	9,453	21.30
United Overseas Bank (M) Bhd	4,714,090	18.91	9,399	21.18
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd ("MIBB") *	4,289,560	17.21	6,598	14.87
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	2,836,291	11.38	5,652	12.74

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### 15. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/ DEALERS/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CONT'D)

Details of transactions with brokers/ dealers for the previous financial year are as follows:

	Value of trade RM	Percent of total trade %	Brokerage fees RM	brokerage fees %
<b>2023 (cont'd)</b>				
CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	1,024,186	4.11	2,055	4.63
MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Bhd	858,775	3.45	857	1.93
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	520,718	2.08	1,037	2.34
	<u>24,924,007</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>44,378</u>	<u>100.01</u>
<b>2022</b>				
CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	7,578,164	19.11	15,186	20.65
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	7,065,191	17.82	14,128	19.21
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	6,740,295	17.00	13,508	18.37
United Overseas Bank (M) Bhd	6,712,001	16.93	13,407	18.23
Public Investment Bank Bhd	3,856,583	9.73	7,721	10.50
Alliance Investment Bank Bhd	2,512,171	6.34	2,509	3.41
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd ("MIBB") *	2,079,235	5.24	1,939	2.64
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	2,008,205	5.06	4,030	5.48
TA Securities Holdings Bhd	1,102,357	2.77	1,104	1.51
	<u>39,654,202</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>73,532</u>	<u>100.00</u>

\* MIBB is a subsidiary of MBB, the ultimate holding company of the Manager.

Details of transactions, primarily cash placements with financial institutions are as follow:

Financial institutions	2023		2022	
	Value of placements RM	Percentage of total placements %	Value of placements RM	Percentage of total placements %
MBB	3,817,808,504	88.76	2,723,617,579	100.00
CIMB Bank Bhd	483,563,625	11.24	-	-
	<u>4,301,372,129</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>2,723,617,579</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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### 16. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION AND BALANCES

For the purpose of the financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Fund or the Manager if the Fund or the Manager has the ability directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decision, or vice versa, or where the Fund or the Manager and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities. In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following is the significant related party transaction and balances of the Fund during the financial year.

	2023 RM	2022 RM
<b>(i) <u>Significant related party transaction</u></b>		
MBB:		
Dividend income	491,460	395,446
Interest income	<u>434,772</u>	<u>207,694</u>
<b>(ii) <u>Significant related party balances</u></b>		
MBB:		
Investment in quoted equity	7,750,305	7,567,989
Deposits with licensed financial institution	<u>5,526,742</u>	<u>16,137,970</u>

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no significant related party transactions and balances as at the reporting date.

### 17. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

The TER of the Fund is the total expenses expressed as an annual percentage of the Fund's daily average NAV. For the financial year ended 31 August 2023, the TER of the Fund stood at 1.69% (2022: 1.65%).

### 18. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

The PTR of the Fund is the ratio of average of the total acquisitions and disposals of the investment in the Fund for the financial year to the daily average NAV of the Fund. For financial year ended 31 August 2023, the PTR of the Fund stood at 0.11 times (2022: 0.19 times).

### 19. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Portfolio Management Committee (the "PMC") of the Manager, being the chief operating decision-maker, makes the strategic decisions on the resources allocation of the Fund. The decisions are based on an integrated investment strategy to ensure the Fund achieve its targeted return with an acceptable level of risk within the portfolio.

The PMC is responsible for the performance of the Fund by investing between 70% to 98% of the Fund's NAV in shares, and between 2% to 30% of the Fund's NAV in cash or fixed income securities (or a combination of both).

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### 19. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONT'D)

On this basis, the PMC considers the business of the Fund to have a single operating segment located in Malaysia. Asset allocation decisions are based on a single, integrated investments strategy and the Fund's performance is evaluated on an overall basis.

The internal reporting for the Fund's assets, liabilities and performance is prepared on a consistent basis with the measurement and recognition principles of MFRS and IFRS.

There were no changes in the reportable operating segments during the financial year.

### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Classification of financial instruments

The Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities were measured on an ongoing basis at either fair value or at amortised cost based on their respective classifications. The significant accounting policies in Note 2.3 to 2.14 to the financial statements describe how the classes of financial instruments are measured and how income and expenses are recognised. The following table analyses the financial assets and liabilities (excluding tax-related matters) of the Fund in the statement of financial position as at the reporting date by the class of financial instrument to which they are assigned, and therefore by the measurement basis.

<b>2023</b>	<b>Financial assets at FVTPL RM</b>	<b>Financial assets at amortised cost RM</b>	<b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost RM</b>	<b>Total RM</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Financial assets at FVTPL	90,022,544	-	-	90,022,544
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	12,517,260	-	12,517,260
Dividend receivable	-	61,743	-	61,743
Interest receivable	-	2,023	-	2,023
Amount due from broker	-	552,064	-	552,064
Cash at bank	-	7,851,577	-	7,851,577
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>90,022,544</b>	<b>20,984,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,007,211</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Amount due to Manager	-	-	160,653	160,653
Amount due to Trustee	-	-	7,423	7,423
Amount due to broker	-	-	776,499	776,499
Other payables and accruals	-	-	19,324	19,324
Dividend payable	-	-	2,704,278	2,704,278
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,668,177</b>	<b>3,668,177</b>

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### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### (a) Classification of financial instruments (cont'd)

2022	Financial assets at FVTPL RM	Financial assets at amortised cost RM	Financial liabilities at amortised cost RM	Total RM
<b>Assets</b>				
Financial assets at FVTPL	80,919,667	-	-	80,919,667
Deposit with licensed financial institutions	-	16,137,970	-	16,137,970
Dividend receivable	-	168,903	-	168,903
Interest receivable	-	1,990	-	1,990
Amount due from Manager	-	94	-	94
Cash at bank	-	5,926,269	-	5,926,269
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>80,919,667</b>	<b>22,235,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,154,893</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Amount due to Manager	-	-	229,919	229,919
Amount due to Trustee	-	-	6,937	6,937
Other payables and accruals	-	-	16,232	16,232
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253,088</b>	<b>253,088</b>

#### (b) Financial instruments that are carried at fair value

The Fund's financial instruments at FVTPL are measured at fair value.

##### Quoted equities

The fair value of quoted investments in shares and REITs are determined by reference to the last bid price on the relevant stock exchanges (e.g. Bursa Malaysia, Singapore Exchange and Hong Kong exchange) as at the reporting date.

#### (c) Financial instruments that are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are reasonable approximations of fair value

Other than its investments at FVTPL, the Fund's financial instruments were not carried at fair value but their carrying amounts were reasonable approximations of fair value due to their short-term maturity.

There were no financial instruments which are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are not reasonable approximations of their respective fair values.

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### 21. 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 prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.

Level 3: Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM
<b>2023</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	90,022,544	-	-
<b>2022</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	80,919,667	-	-

### 22. FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

#### (a) Introduction

The Fund's objective in managing risk is the creation and protection of unitholders' value. Risk is inherent in the Fund's activities, but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring of risks.

Financial risk management is also carried out through sound internal control systems and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deeds, SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds and CMSA.

#### (b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as equity prices. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments equals their fair value. The market risk is managed through consistent monitoring and swift response to various factors that may adversely affect the Fund.

##### (i) Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk of unfavourable changes in the fair values of equities as the result of changes in the levels of equity indices and the value of individual shares. The equity price risk exposure arises from the Fund's investments in quoted equities. This risk can be minimised through investing in a wide range of companies in different sectors, which function independently from one another.

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**22. FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**(b) Market risk (cont'd)**

**(i) Equity price risk (cont'd)**

Equity price risk sensitivity

Management's best estimate of the effect on net loss for the year due to a reasonable change in equity index, with all other variables held constant is indicated in the table below. The impact to NAV and net loss after taxation is expected to be the same.

	<b>Changes in equity price %</b>	<b>Effects on NAV Increase/ (decrease) RM</b>
<b>2023</b>		
Quoted equities	+ 5	4,501,127
	- 5	(4,501,127)
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<b>2022</b>		
Quoted equities	+ 5	4,045,983
	- 5	(4,045,983)
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Equity price risk concentration

The Fund's exposure to equity price risk based on its portfolio of investments as at the reporting date is disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements.

**(c) Foreign exchange risk**

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The table below analyses the net position of the Fund's financial assets and financial liability (excluding derivative assets/ liabilities) which are exposed to foreign exchange risks as at the reporting date. As the Fund's functional currency is RM, the financial assets and financial liability (excluding derivative assets/ liabilities) denominated in other currencies are exposed to the movement of foreign exchange rates. The exposure might lead to the appreciation or depreciation of the financial assets and financial liability of the Fund that may affect the value of the NAV attributable to unitholders.

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### 22. FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (c) Foreign exchange risk (cont'd)

<b>2023</b>	<b>HKD</b>	<b>SGD RM</b>	<b>USD RM</b>	<b>TOTAL RM</b>
Financial assets at FVTPL	581,390	1,671,101	-	2,252,491
Cash at bank	-	-	7,813,673	7,813,673
<b>Total financial assets and net on balance-sheet position</b>	<b>581,390</b>	<b>1,671,101</b>	<b>7,813,673</b>	<b>10,066,164</b>
		<b>SGD RM</b>	<b>USD RM</b>	<b>TOTAL RM</b>
<b>2022</b>				
Financial assets at FVTPL		3,663,054	-	3,663,054
Cash at bank		-	5,910,781	5,910,781
<b>Total financial assets and net on balance-sheet position</b>		<b>3,663,054</b>	<b>5,910,781</b>	<b>9,573,835</b>

The Fund did not hedge its exposure to foreign currency in the current financial year.

The following table indicates the currencies to which the Fund had significant exposure at the reporting date on its financial assets. The analysis calculated the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against RM on NAV and on profit/ (loss) with all other variables held constant.

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Change in exchange rates %</b>	<b>Effects on NAV increase/ (decrease) RM</b>	<b>Change in exchange rates %</b>	<b>Effects on NAV increase/ (decrease) RM</b>
SGD/ RM	+5%	83,555	+5%	183,153
	-5%	(83,555)	-5%	(183,153)
USD/ RM	+5%	390,684	+5%	295,539
	-5%	(390,684)	-5%	(295,539)
HKD/ RM	+5%	29,070	-	-
	-5%	(29,070)	-	-

#### (d) Interest rate risk

Money market placements are particularly sensitive to movements in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the return on money market placements will rise, thus affecting the NAV of the Fund. The sensitivity to interest rate changes are normally greater for longer tenured securities when compared to shorter tenured securities.



## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 22. FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (d) Interest rate risk (cont'd)

The Fund's deposits with licensed financial institutions carry a fixed rate and therefore is not affected by movements in market interest rates.

#### (e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial assets. Exposure to liquidity risk arises because of the possibility that the Fund could be required to pay its liabilities or redeem its units earlier than expected. The Fund is exposed to cash redemptions of its units on a regular basis. Units sold to unitholders by the Manager are redeemable at the unitholders' option based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of redemption calculated in accordance with the Fund's Deeds.

The Manager's policy is to always maintain a prudent and sufficient level of liquid assets so as to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption requests by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise of cash at bank, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

The following table summarises the maturity profile of the Fund's financial liabilities. Balances due within twelve months equal their carrying amounts, as the impact of discounting is insignificant.

<b>2023</b>	<b>Less than 1 month RM</b>	<b>More than 1 month RM</b>	<b>Total RM</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	90,022,544	-	90,022,544
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	12,517,260	-	12,517,260
Dividend receivable	61,743	-	61,743
Interest receivable	2,023	-	2,023
Amount due from broker	552,064	-	552,064
Cash at bank	7,851,577	-	7,851,577
Total undiscounted financial assets	<u>111,007,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,007,211</u>
<b>Financial liabilities and unitholders' capital</b>			
Amount due to Manager	160,653	-	160,653
Amount due to Trustee	7,423	-	7,423
Amount due to broker	776,499	-	776,499
Other payables and accruals	19,324	-	19,324
Distribution payable	2,704,278	-	2,704,278
Unitholders' capital	<u>107,343,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,343,533</u>
Total undiscounted financial liabilities and unitholders' capital	<u>111,011,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,011,710</u>
Liquidity gap	<u>(4,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,499)</u>

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### 22. FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (e) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

2022	Less than 1 month RM	More than 1 month RM	Total RM
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	80,919,667	-	80,919,667
Deposit with a licensed financial institutions	16,137,970	-	16,137,970
Dividend receivable	168,903	-	168,903
Interest receivable	1,990	-	1,990
Amount due from Manager	94	-	94
Cash at bank	5,926,269	-	5,926,269
Total undiscounted financial assets	<u>103,154,893</u>	-	<u>103,154,893</u>
<b>Financial liabilities and unitholders' capital</b>			
Amount due to Manager	229,919	-	229,919
Amount due to Trustee	6,937	-	6,937
Other payables and accruals	16,232	-	16,232
Unitholders' capital	<u>102,898,916</u>	-	<u>102,898,916</u>
Total undiscounted financial liabilities and unitholders' capital	<u>103,152,004</u>	-	<u>103,152,004</u>
Liquidity surplus	<u>2,889</u>	-	<u>2,889</u>

#### Notes:

##### (i) Financial assets

Analysis of financial assets at FVTPL and deposits into maturity groupings is based on the expected date on which these assets will be realised. The Fund's equities have been included in the "less than 1 month" category on the assumption that these are highly liquid investments which can be realised should all of the Fund's unitholders' equity be required to be redeemed. The other assets shall not comprise of tax recoverable in view that it is not a financial asset. For other assets, the analysis into maturity groupings is based on the remaining period from the end of the reporting year to the contractual maturity date or if earlier, the expected date on which the assets will be realised.

##### (ii) Financial liabilities

The maturity grouping is based on the remaining period from the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date. When a counterparty has a choice of when the amount is paid, the liability is allocated to the earliest period in which the Fund can be required to pay.

Financial liabilities exclude tax-related matters such as provision for tax.

## MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND

### 22. FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (e) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

##### (iii) Unitholders' capital

The unitholders can request for redemption on their units by giving the Manager a T + 10 calendar day notice period, the unitholders' capital have been categorised as having a maturity of "less than 1 month".

#### (f) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer/ counterparty to a financial instrument will default on its contractual obligation resulting in a financial loss to the Fund. The Fund is exposed to the risk of credit-related losses that can occur as a result of an issuer/ counterparty's inability or unwillingness to honour its contractual obligations to make timely repayments of interest, principal and proceeds from realisation of investments. These credit exposures exist within financing relationships and other transactions.

The Manager manages the Fund's credit risk by undertaking credit evaluation and close monitoring of any changes to the issuer/ counterparty's credit profile to minimise such risk. It is the Fund's policy to enter into financial instruments with reputable counterparties. The Manager also closely monitors the creditworthiness of the Fund's other counterparties (e.g. brokers, custodian, banks, etc.) by reviewing their credit ratings and credit profile on a regular basis.

##### (i) Credit risk exposure

At the reporting date, the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each class of financial asset recognised in the statement of financial position. None of the Fund's financial assets were past due or impaired as at the reporting date.

##### (ii) Credit quality of financial assets

The following table analyses the Fund's deposits with licensed financial institutions, cash at bank and interest receivables from financial institutions by rating categories. The rating is obtained from RAM Holdings Bhd's official website.

Deposits with licensed financial institutions, cash at bank and interest receivable	2023		2022	
	RM	As a percentage of NAV %	RM	As a percentage of NAV %
AAA	20,370,860	18.98	22,066,229	21.44

## **MAYBANK MALAYSIA ETHICAL DIVIDEND FUND**

### **23. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The capital of the Fund can vary depending on the demand for redemptions and subscriptions to the Fund. The Fund's objectives for managing capital are:

- (a) To invest in investments meeting the description, risk exposure and generate higher returns than the prescribed benchmark as indicated in its prospectus;
- (b) To achieve consistent returns while safeguarding capital by using various investment strategies;
- (c) To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the expenses of the Fund, and to meet redemption requests as they arise; and
- (d) To maintain sufficient fund size to ensure that the operations of the Fund are cost-efficient.

No changes were made to the capital management objectives, policies or processes during current and previous financial years.