

# EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS GROWTH FUND

## INTERIM REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD  
ENDED 30 JUNE 2017



**Dear Valued Investor,**

Greetings from Eastspring Investments Berhad!

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to invest with Eastspring Investments Berhad.

**We are pleased to enclose a copy of the Annual/Interim/Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s) for the reporting period ended 30 June 2017.**

You may also download these reports from our website at [www.eastspringinvestments.com.my](http://www.eastspringinvestments.com.my)

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Client Services at 03-2332 1000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Tang Chee Kin', written in a cursive style.

**Raymond Tang Chee Kin**

Non-Independent, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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## FUND INFORMATION

### Name of Fund

Eastspring Investments Growth Fund (the "Fund")

### Fund Category/ Type

Equity/growth

### Fund Objective

The Fund seeks to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation by investing principally\* in larger companies\*\* which will appreciate in value.

ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.

\* principally refers to minimum 50% of the Fund's NAV.

\*\* larger companies generally refers to companies with market capitalisation of RM2 billion or above at the point of acquisition.

### Performance Benchmark

The performance benchmark of the Fund is FBM100.

**Source:** [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com)

**Note:** The risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.

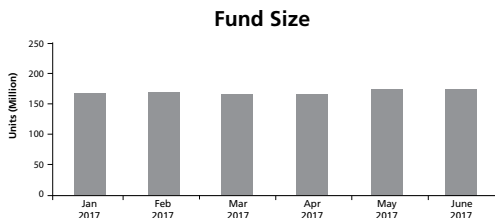
### Fund Income Distribution Policy

At least once a year, subject to the availability of income.

## FUND INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### Breakdown of Unit Holdings by Size

As at 30 June 2017, the size of Eastspring Investments Growth Fund stood at 175.692 million units.



### Breakdown of Unit Holdings

Unit Holdings	No. of Unit Holders	%	No of Units* ('000)	%
5,000 units and below	1,158	22.21	3,486	1.98
5,001 to 10,000 units	1,026	19.67	7,385	4.20
10,001 to 50,000 units	2,318	44.45	52,599	29.94
50,001 to 500,000 units	698	13.38	70,914	40.37
500,001 units and above	15	0.29	41,306	23.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,215</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>175,690</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* excludes units held by the Manager.

## KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	30.6.2017	30.6.2016	30.6.2015
	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Quoted Securities</b>			
Construction	4.83	2.08	4.59
Consumer	1.46	2.46	-
Consumer Product	-	0.98	6.41
Finance	1.94	4.19	4.13
Health Care	19.19	23.11	-
Hotel	-	-	1.21
Industrial Product	3.14	4.56	9.85
Infrastructure Project Company	-	2.05	1.00
Manufacturing	1.54	1.88	-
Plantation	-	2.56	-
Power/Utilities	-	-	5.44
Properties	12.46	9.24	8.90
REITS	1.49	-	-
Technology	19.21	14.16	10.40
Trading/Services	23.92	11.47	33.99
	89.18	78.74	85.92
Cash and other assets	10.82	21.26	14.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Category	30.6.2017	30.6.2016	30.6.2015
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	130,604	115,244	126,396
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	175,692	177,645	183,693
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.7434	0.6487	0.6881
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.7665	0.6836	0.7482
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6707	0.6380	0.6591
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	10.96	(4.95)	2.46
- Income Distribution	-	-	-
Total Return (%)	10.96	(4.95)	2.46
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Management Expense Ratio (MER) (%)*	0.84	0.84	0.84
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)^	0.15	0.42	0.46

\* There were no significant changes to the MER during the period under review.

^ There were no significant changes to the PTR during the period under review.

## KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

	1 year 1.7.2016 to 30.6.2017	3 years 1.7.2014 to 30.6.2017	5 years 1.7.2012 to 30.6.2017
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Average total return	14.60	3.56	9.43

Year ended	1.1.2016 to 31.12.2016	1.1.2015 to 31.12.2015	1.1.2014 to 31.12.2014	1.1.2013 to 31.12.2013	1.1.2012 to 31.12.2012
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Annual total return	(1.83)	5.67	3.80	20.72	12.86

**The unit prices of the Fund may go down as well as up and the past performance figures shown are not indicative of future performance.**

**Source:** The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management.

**Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:**

$$\text{Percentage growth} = \frac{\text{NAV}_t}{\text{NAV}_0} - 1$$

$\text{NAV}_t$  = NAV at the end of the period

$\text{NAV}_0$  = NAV at the beginning of the period

$$\text{Performance annualised} = (1 + \text{Percentage Growth})^{1/n} - 1$$

Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period

$$n = \text{Number of years}$$

**Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.**



# MANAGER'S REPORT

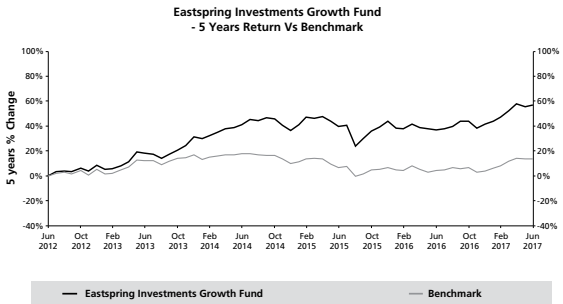
## Fund Performance

Over the 5-year period, the Fund recorded a return of 56.93%, outperforming the benchmark return of 13.89% by 43.04%.

During the period under review, the Fund registered a return of 10.96%, outperforming the benchmark return of 9.35% by 1.61%.

The Fund's outperformance was mainly due to its stock selections.

The Fund met its objective which is to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation by investing principally in larger companies which will appreciate in value.



**The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested.**

**Benchmark:** FTSE Bursa Malaysia 100 Index (FBM100)

**Source:** Lipper for Investment Management and [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com), as at 30 June 2017.

**Past performance of the Fund is not necessarily indicative of its future performance.**

## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### Analysis of Fund Performance

For the financial period ended 30 June 2017:

<b>Income Return</b>	<b>Capital Return*</b>	<b>Total Return</b>	<b>Total Return of Benchmark</b>
<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
0.00	10.96	10.96	9.35

\* Capital return components (NAV per unit to NAV per unit).

### Distribution/ Unit Split

No distribution or unit split were declared for the financial period ended 30 June 2017.

### Investment Strategy During The Period Under Review

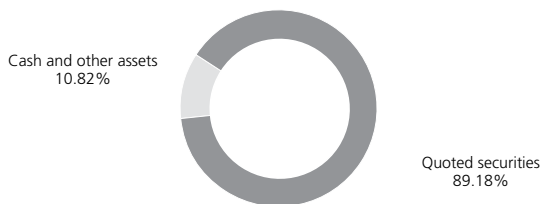
The Fund's holding in some of the exporters did well during the period. Tech stocks' earnings started to rebound driven by strong smart devices sales worldwide. The Fund's bet on glove stocks also did well as the price competition eased and margin recovered. The Fund's underweight position in Telcos also did well as Telcos are facing stiff price competition. However, the Fund's underweight position in Banks was a drag to its performance as banks rallied strongly in 1H2017.

## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

## Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	30-Jun 2017 (%)	31-Dec 2016 (%)	Changes (%)
Quoted securities	89.18	96.60	(7.42)
Cash and other assets	10.82	3.40	7.42

## Asset Allocation as at 30 June 2017



There were no significant changes in asset allocation of the Fund for the period under review.

**State of Affairs of the Fund**

There have been neither significant change to the state of affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review.

However, in the Eastspring Investments Second Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 15 March 2017, the information in relation to the income reinvestment policy has been revised as set out in (a) below:

**a. Income Reinvestment Policy**

Income distributed to a Unit Holder will automatically be reinvested into additional Units in the Fund at the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per Unit at the end of the Business Day of the income distribution date at no cost if the Unit Holder did not elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager.

Should a Unit Holder elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager, the income distribution proceeds will either be paid by cheque or credited into the bank account located in Malaysia via telegraphic or online transfer at the cost and expense of the Unit Holder.

The Manager reserves the right to reinvest income distribution without providing any reason if the instruction in the master account opening form or written instruction is incomplete.

While in the Eastspring Investments Master Prospectus dated 15 July 2017, the information in relation to the fund objective, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the investment strategy, asset allocation, security risk and minimum holdings of units have been revised as set out in (b) to (f) below. The revision in the fund objective was due to addition of explanation to "principally" and "larger companies", while the revision in investment strategy was due to addition of explanation to "good".

## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### State of Affairs of the Fund (continued)

#### b. Fund Objective

The Fund seeks to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation by investing principally\* in larger companies\*\* which will appreciate in value.

\* principally refers to minimum 50% of the Fund's NAV.

\*\* larger companies generally refers to companies with market capitalisation of RM2 billion or above at the point of acquisition.

#### c. Investment Strategy – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in equities and equity-related securities of undervalued companies which have good\*\*\* growth potential.

\*\*\* good generally refers to potentially higher earnings growth than the market average.

#### d. Asset Allocation

Asset Class	% of the Fund's NAV
A diversified portfolio of equities and equity-related securities of undervalued companies which have good growth potential	Minimum of 70%
Deposits or liquid assets	Minimum of 1%

#### e. Security Risk

Adverse price movements of a particular security or Shariah-compliant security invested by the Fund may adversely affect the Fund's NAV. The Manager strives to mitigate the impact of a particular security or Shariah-compliant security risk through portfolio diversification.

## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### State of Affairs of the Fund (continued)

Meanwhile investing in equity-related securities such as American Depository Receipts (“ADRs”), rights and warrants or Shariah-compliant equity-related securities such as Shariah-compliant warrants, where price movement is dependent on the price movement of the underlying of the equity-related securities or Shariah-compliant equity-related securities, the risk is generally higher than their equities or Shariah-compliant equities as these equity-related securities or Shariah-compliant equity-related securities are leveraged form of investment. The price of equity-related securities or Shariah-compliant equity-related securities generally fluctuates more than the equities or Shariah-compliant equities and consequently may affect the volatility of the Fund's NAV. To mitigate this risk, the Manager will conduct rigorous fundamental analysis of the equities and equity-related securities or Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities.

Warrants or Shariah-compliant warrants are financial instruments that give the buyer the right but not the obligation to purchase or sell equities or Shariah-compliant equities at a pre-determined price before the expiry date. Such investments may experience time decay, and the erosion of value accelerates as the instrument advances to its expiry date.

#### f. Minimum Holdings of Units

There is no limit on the frequency of redemption. In the case of a partial redemption, instructions will be carried out only if the minimum holding of Units (being 1,000 Units\* or such other number of Units as the Manager may determine from time to time) remains in the Fund after the redemption. If the Units in a Unit Holder's account are less than the minimum holding of Units for the Fund after a redemption application is made, all Units that the Unit Holders holds in the Fund will be redeemed automatically. The same applies for partial switching out.

\* should we increase the minimum holdings of Units in future, Unit Holder will be informed via post mail at least 14 days prior to the implementation been made effective.

## MARKET REVIEW

1Q2017 saw global markets start the year on a positive note, on the expectations that Trump's policies for the United States ("US") will be reflationary in nature, focused on tax cuts and corporate tax overhaul, infrastructure spending in the US, and increased protectionism. US corporates reporting 4Q 2016 results in February generally surprised the market with a higher percentage of companies beating consensus earnings expectations for their 4Q results, in particular the Technology related companies and Health care. China surprised the market by raising their Medium-term Lending Facility 6-month and 1-year rates by 10bps, the first in nearly 6 years. This was followed by China's raising of its overnight rates for the standing lending facility loans to 3.1% post the Lunar New Year break, which saw the Chinese Yuan firmer against the US Dollar. The US markets took a breather towards the end of the quarter, as oil prices corrected with rising inventory levels and higher rig counts in the US. US President Trump failed to push through his election promise of getting rid of Obama-care, and in the United Kingdom ("UK") Prime Minister Theresa May triggered Article 50 to exit the European Union. Malaysian equities rallied in tandem with global markets, supported by a firmer ringgit given Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM")'s efforts to clamp down on currency speculation. Announcements by Permodalan Nasional Berhad ("PNB") related companies to restructure the UMW Holdings and UMW Oil and Gas, and Sime Darby's intentions to spin-off various divisions brought some excitement to the market. M&A news dominated news in the 1Q as Saudi Aramco announced their JV with Petronas in RAPID during the Saudi Arabia King's visit to Malaysia, the media speculated the potential merger between Telekom Malaysia and Axiata, and Alibaba's Jack Ma's announcement of establishing an e-commerce hub in the new Digital Free Trade Zone in Sepang.

Global markets continued their upward trend in the 2Q2017, despite uncertainty regarding US President Trump and potential trade protectionist policy, French elections, UK elections, tensions with North Korea, and crude oil supply concerns. The French elections ended well with the winner, independent candidate Macron, who has never held elected office, but is more market friendly preferring closer European cooperation and maintain an open economy. U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May overestimated her support at the snap elections held on 8 June, and ended up with a minority government. North Korea has been busy testing the patience of the UN Security Council members, with 6 missile test launches in 2Q alone, seemingly making rapid progress in the development of their missile technology; unnerving the US, South Korea and Japan. Crude oil ended the quarter lower at about US\$46 per barrel, down almost 5% year-on-year, on supply concerns, despite the calls by Saudi Arabia and three other Gulf countries to boycott Qatar. Malaysian

equities continued its uptrend in the early part of 2Q, supported continued foreign fund flows and an appreciating ringgit. However the positive momentum hit a speed bump mid 2Q when TRX City announced that they were terminating the 60% stake sale of Bandar Malaysia to IWH-CREC joint venture, which brought up concerns of whether this could potentially jeopardise Malaysia's relationship with China ahead of China's One-Belt-One-Road Summit. Towards the end of the 2Q, profit taking activities set in ahead of the Hari Raya holidays, which also coincided with a flurry of M&A related news such as DRB Hicom and Zhejiang Geely signing the agreement for 49.9% stake in Proton, RHB Bank and AMMB Holdings announcing their commencement of merger discussions, and CIMB Group looking to dispose a stake of their Malaysian stockbroking business to China Galaxy Securities, after selling the international stockbroking arm. The FBM KLCI closed the period under review at 1,763.67 points, gaining 7.43%. In tandem with the FBM KLCI, the FBM Emas (FBMEmas) Index closed the period under review higher by 9.88% while the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index rose by 18.35% in USD terms. <sup>1</sup>

## REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

During the period under review, the Manager and its delegates (if any) received goods and services which directly assist the investment management of the Fund, including research and advisory services, market analyses, data and quotation services, and computer hardware and software used for and/or in support of the investment process of fund managers.

The Manager and its delegates (if any) have not received any rebates or shared any commissions from any brokers during the same period under review.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg: World indices



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# EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS GROWTH FUND

## UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

## STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

We, Tang Chee Kin and Khoo Chuan Keat, being two of the Directors of Eastspring Investments Berhad, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 18 to 54, are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Master Deed and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Eastspring Investments Growth Fund as at 30 June 2017 and of its results, changes in net assets value and cash flows for the six months financial period ended on that date in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds in Malaysia.

For and on behalf of the Manager,

**Eastspring Investments Berhad**

**Tang Chee Kin**

Executive Director / Chief Executive Director

**Khoo Chuan Keat**

Director

Kuala Lumpur

Date: 21 August 2017

# TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS GROWTH FUND

(Established in Malaysia)

We have acted as Trustee for Eastspring Investments Growth Fund (the "Fund") for the financial period ended 30 June 2017. To the best of our knowledge, for the financial period under review, Eastspring Investments Berhad (the "Manager"), has operated and managed the Fund in accordance with the following:-

- a. limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Manager under the Deed(s), the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and other applicable laws;
- b. valuation and pricing for the Fund has been carried out in accordance with the Deed(s) of the Fund and applicable regulatory requirements; and
- c. creation and cancellation of units for the Fund have been carried out in accordance with the Deed(s) of the Fund and applicable regulatory requirements.

**Soon Lai Ching**

Senior Manager, Trustee Operations

**Richard Lim Hock Seng**

Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur

Date: 21 August 2017

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		RM	RM
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>			
Quoted equities	4	116,498,101	90,739,885
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	5	14,350,000	29,870,000
		<u>130,848,101</u>	<u>120,609,885</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>			
Amount due from stockbrokers		-	226,525
Amount due from Manager		91,716	221,985
Other receivables	6	189,198	195,056
Tax recoverable		164,101	164,101
Bank balance with a licensed bank		92,425	22,213
		<u>537,440</u>	<u>829,880</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>131,385,541</u>	<u>121,439,765</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amount due to stockbrokers		-	5,945,033
Amount due to Manager		558,661	46,470
Accrued management fee		162,060	141,538
Amount due to Trustee		8,643	7,548
Other payables and accrued expenses		52,399	55,431
		<u>781,763</u>	<u>6,196,020</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>781,763</u>	<u>6,196,020</u>
<b>NET ASSETS VALUE</b>		<u>130,603,778</u>	<u>115,243,745</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Unit holders' capital		5,640,651	6,305,118
Undistributed income		124,963,127	108,938,627
		<u>130,603,778</u>	<u>115,243,745</u>
<b>NET ASSETS VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS</b>		<u>130,603,778</u>	<u>115,243,745</u>
<b>NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION</b>	7	<u>175,692,187</u>	<u>177,644,695</u>
<b>NET ASSETS VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS PER UNIT</b>		<u>0.7434</u>	<u>0.6487</u>

The notes on pages 22 to 54 are an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	1.1.2017 to 30.6.2017	1.1.2016 to 30.6.2016
		RM	RM
Dividend income		1,045,790	1,097,700
Interest income		132,590	91,261
Net realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments		(2,713,385)	3,491,623
Net unrealised gain/(loss) from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		14,954,942	(9,838,295)
<b>TOTAL INCOME/(LOSS)</b>		<b>13,419,937</b>	<b>(5,157,711)</b>
Management fee	9	(917,396)	(890,158)
Trustee's fee	10	(48,928)	(47,475)
Auditors' remuneration		(2,976)	(2,983)
Tax agent's fee		(1,687)	(1,691)
Administrative expenses		(69,221)	(61,109)
Transaction cost		(115,853)	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>(1,156,061)</b>	<b>(1,003,416)</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX EXPENSE</b>		<b>12,263,876</b>	<b>(6,161,127)</b>
Tax expense	11	(2,108)	220
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)/TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>		<b>12,261,768</b>	<b>(6,160,907)</b>
Net income/(loss) is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		(2,693,174)	3,677,388
Unrealised amount		14,954,942	(9,838,295)
		<b>12,261,768</b>	<b>(6,160,907)</b>

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## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS VALUE FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Unit holders' capital	Undistributed income	Total
	RM	RM	RM
<b>AT 1 JANUARY 2017</b>	709,518	112,701,359	113,410,877
Movement in unit holders' contribution			
Creation of units from applications	14,834,708	-	14,834,708
Cancellation of units	(9,903,575)	-	(9,903,575)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	12,261,768	12,261,768
<b>AT 30 JUNE 2017</b>	<u>5,640,651</u>	<u>124,963,127</u>	<u>130,603,778</u>
<b>AT 1 JANUARY 2016</b>	16,738,465	115,099,534	131,837,999
Movement in unit holders' contribution			
Creation of units from applications	2,802,063	-	2,802,063
Cancellation of units	(13,235,410)	-	(13,235,410)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	(6,160,907)	(6,160,907)
<b>AT 30 JUNE 2016</b>	<u>6,305,118</u>	<u>108,938,627</u>	<u>115,243,745</u>

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# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	1.1.2017 to 30.6.2017	1.1.2016 to 30.6.2016
		RM	RM
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of investments		21,313,559	62,624,673
Purchase of investments		(16,008,629)	(31,242,114)
Movement in deposits with financial institutions		(10,870,000)	(26,880,000)
Dividends received		1,210,127	1,144,501
Interest received		131,859	88,869
Payment for other fees and expenses		(1,131,125)	(1,037,064)
Tax refund		-	220
<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>(5,354,209)</u>	<u>4,699,085</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from creation of units		14,777,189	8,745,735
Payments for cancellation of units		(9,355,552)	(13,538,993)
Distribution paid		-	(33,838)
<b>NET CASH GENERATED FROM/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>5,421,637</u>	<u>(4,827,096)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		67,428	(128,011)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 JANUARY</b>		<u>24,997</u>	<u>150,224</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE</b>		<u>92,425</u>	<u>22,213</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS COMPRISE:</b>			
Bank balance with a licensed bank		<u>92,425</u>	<u>22,213</u>

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# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

## 1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND AND THE MANAGER

Eastspring Investments Growth Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Master Deed dated 4 May 2001, a Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 May 2003, a Supplemental Master Deed dated 15 February 2006, a Master Supplemental Deed dated 25 July 2007, and a Second Supplemental Master Deed dated 30 November 2009 between BHLB Trustee Berhad ("BHLB Trustee") and Eastspring Investments Berhad. The Fund replaced BHLB Trustee with Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee") effective 1 October 2010. A Supplemental Master Deed was entered into between the Manager and the Trustee on 30 July 2010 to effect the change of trustee from BHLB Trustee to the Trustee, followed by the Second Supplemental Master Deed dated 28 January 2011, a Third Supplemental Master Deed dated 9 March 2011, a Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 20 January 2012, a Fifth Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 March 2014, a Sixth Supplemental Master Deed dated 2 January 2015, a Seventh Supplemental Master Deed dated 11 July 2016 and an Eight Supplemental Master Deed dated 25 January 2017 (collectively referred to as the "Deed").

The Fund will invest principally in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of undervalued companies which have good growth potential. All investments will be subject to the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines, the SC requirements, the Deed, except where exemptions or variations have been approved by the SC, internal policies and procedures, and Fund's objective.

The Fund commenced operations on 29 May 2001 and will continue its operations until terminated according to the conditions stated in Part 12 of the Deed.

The main objective of the Fund seeks to provide investors with long term capital appreciation by investing principally in larger companies which will appreciate in value.

The Manager, a company incorporated in Malaysia, is related to Prudential PLC., a public listed company in the United Kingdom. The principal activity of the Manager is the establishment and management of unit trust funds and asset management business.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

### a. Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRSs”) and International Financial Reporting Standards.

The following are accounting standards, amendments and interpretations of the MFRSs that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”) but have not been adopted by the Fund:

#### ***MFRSs, Interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018***

- MFRS 9, *Financial Instruments (2014)*
- MFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
- Clarifications to MFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
- IC Interpretation 22, *Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration*
- Amendments to MFRS 1, *First-time Adoption of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2014-2016 Cycle)*
- Amendments to MFRS 2, *Share-based Payment – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions*
- Amendments to MFRS 4, *Insurance Contracts – Applying MFRS 9 Financial Instruments with MFRS 4 Insurance Contracts*
- Amendments to MFRS 128, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2014-2016 Cycle)*
- Amendments to MFRS 140, *Investment Property – Transfers of Investment Property*

#### ***MFRSs, Interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019***

- MFRS 16, *Leases*

***MFRSs, Interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date yet to be confirmed***

- Amendments to MFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements* and MFRS 128, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*

The Fund plans to apply the abovementioned accounting standards, amendments and interpretations:

- from the annual period beginning on 1 January 2018 for those accounting standards, amendments and interpretation that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, except for Amendments to MFRS 1, Amendments to MFRS 2, Amendments to MFRS 4, Amendments to MFRS 128, Amendments to MFRS 140 and IC Interpretation 22, which are not applicable to the Fund.
- from the annual period beginning on 1 January 2019 for the accounting standard that is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, except for MFRS 16, *Leases*, which is not applicable to the Fund.

The initial application of the accounting standards, amendments or interpretations are not expected to have any material financial impact to the current year and prior year financial statements of the Fund, except as mention below:

**i. MFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers**

MFRS 15 replaces the guidance in MFRS 111, *Construction Contracts*, MFRS 118, *Revenue*, IC Interpretation 13, *Customer Loyalty Programmes*, IC Interpretation 15, *Agreements for Construction of Real Estate*, IC Interpretation 18, *Transfers of Assets from Customers* and IC Interpretation 131, *Revenue - Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services*.

The Fund is currently assessing the financial impact that may arise from the adoption of MFRS 15.

**ii. MFRS 9, *Financial Instruments***

MFRS 9 replaces the guidance in MFRS 139, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* on the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, and on hedge accounting.

The Fund is currently assessing the financial impact that may arise from the adoption of MFRS 9.

**b. Basis of measurement**

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis other than as disclosed in Note 3 (a) (ii).

**c. Functional and presentation currency**

These financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”), which is the Fund’s functional currency.

**d. Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRSs requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

There are no significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have significant effect on the amounts recognised in these financial statements.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to the periods presented in these financial statements.

#### a. Financial instruments

##### i. Initial recognition and measurement

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial instrument is recognised initially, at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial instrument not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instrument.

An embedded derivative is recognised separately from the host contract and accounted for as a derivative if, and only if, it is not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract and the host contract is not categorised at fair value through profit or loss. The host contract, in the event an embedded derivative is recognised separately, is accounted for in accordance with policy applicable to the nature of the host contract.

##### ii. Financial instrument categories and subsequent measurement

The Fund categorises financial instruments as follows:

#### Financial assets

##### a. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Fair value through profit or loss category comprises financial assets that are held for trading, including derivatives (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument) or financial assets that are specifically designated into this category upon initial recognition.

Derivatives that are linked to and must be settled by delivery of unquoted equity instruments whose fair values cannot be reliably measured are measured at cost.

Financial assets categorised as fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at their fair values with the gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

b. Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables category are debt instruments that are not quoted in an active market that comprises deposits, bank balances and receivables.

Financial assets categorised as loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

All financial assets, except for those measured at fair value through profit or loss, are subject to review for impairment (see Note 3(c)).

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost other than those categorised as fair value through profit or loss.

Fair value through profit or loss category comprises financial liabilities that are derivatives (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument) or financial liabilities that are specifically designated into this category upon initial recognition.

Derivatives that are linked to and must be settled by delivery of equity instruments that do not have a quoted price in an active market for identical instruments whose fair values cannot be reliably measured are measured at cost.

Financial liabilities categorised as fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at their fair values with the gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

iii. Regular way purchase or sale of financial assets

A regular way purchase or sale is a purchase or sale of a financial asset under a contract whose terms require delivery of the asset within the time frame established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned.

A regular way purchase or sale of financial assets is recognised and derecognised, as applicable, using trade date accounting. Trade date accounting refers to:

- a. the recognition of an asset to be received and the liability to pay for it on the trade date, and
- b. derecognition of an asset that is sold, recognition of any gain or loss on disposal and the recognition of a receivable from the buyer for payment on the trade date.

iv. Derecognition

A financial asset or part of it is derecognised when, and only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or control of the asset is not retained or substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred to another party. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

A financial liability or a part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires. On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

**b. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, balances and deposits with banks and highly liquid investments which have an insignificant risk of changes in fair value with original maturities of three months or less, and are used by the Fund in the management of their short term commitments.

Cash and cash equivalents are categorised and measured as loans and receivables in accordance with policy Note 3 (a) (ii) (b).

**c. Impairment**Financial assets

All financial assets (except for financial assets categorised as fair value through profit or loss) are assessed at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events having an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the asset. Losses expected as a result of future events, no matter how likely, are not recognised. For an investment in an equity instrument, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost is an objective evidence of impairment. If any such objective evidence exists, then the impairment loss of the financial asset is estimated.

An impairment loss in respect of loans and receivables is recognised in profit or loss and is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account.

If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed, to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

**d. Income recognition**

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method in profit or loss.



Dividend income is recognised in profit or loss on the date that the Fund's right to receive payment is established, which in the case of quoted securities is the ex-dividend date.

The realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments is measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments. The carrying amount for determining the realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments is based on the weighted average cost method and where applicable, adjusted for accretion for discount and amortisation of premium.

**e. Income tax**

Income tax expense comprises current tax. Income tax is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted by the end of reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous financial periods.

**f. Creation and cancellation of units**

The Fund issues cancellable units, which are cancelled at the holder's option and are classified as equity. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the financial position date if the holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the holder's option at prices based on the Fund's net assets value per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's net assets value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unit holders with the total number of outstanding units. In accordance with the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds in Malaysia, investment positions are valued based on the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the net assets value per unit for creations and cancellations.

### **g. Proceeds and payments on creation and cancellation of units**

The net assets value per unit is computed for each dealing day. The price at which units are created or cancelled is calculated by reference to the net asset value per unit as at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. Units in the Fund are classified as equity in the statement of financial position and are stated at fair value representing the price at which unit holders can redeem the units from the Fund.

### **h. Fair value measurements**

Fair value of an asset or a liability, except for share-based payment and lease transactions, is determined as 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 measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

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

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Fund uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair value are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the input used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The Fund recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfers.

## 4. QUOTED EQUITIES

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market value at 30.6.2017	Percentage of net assets value
	Units	RM	RM	%
<b>2017</b>				
<b>Main Market</b>				
<u>Construction</u>				
Gamuda Berhad-Warrant	124,050	31,013	173,670	0.13
Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad	750,000	950,009	1,035,000	0.79
ML Global Berhad	4,600,000	3,450,000	5,106,000	3.91
	<u>5,474,050</u>	<u>4,431,022</u>	<u>6,314,670</u>	<u>4.83</u>
<u>Consumer</u>				
Salutica Berhad	1,228,600	1,054,704	1,904,330	1.46
<u>Finance</u>				
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad	611,900	2,501,350	2,539,385	1.94
<u>Health Care</u>				
IHH Healthcare Berhad	1,002,700	4,848,802	5,765,525	4.41
Karex Berhad	3,644,387	5,262,171	6,195,458	4.74
Kossan Rubber Industries Berhad	499,800	3,134,441	3,183,726	2.44
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	458,900	1,603,152	1,936,558	1.48
Top Glove Corporation Berhad	1,389,300	6,595,068	7,988,475	6.12
	<u>6,995,087</u>	<u>21,443,634</u>	<u>25,069,742</u>	<u>19.19</u>

## 4. QUOTED EQUITIES (CONTINUED)

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market	Percentage
			value at	of net assets
	Units	RM	30.6.2017	value
			RM	%
<b>2017</b> (continued)				
<b>Main Market</b> (continued)				
<u>Industrial Product</u>				
Cahaya Mata Sarawak Berhad	798,600	3,572,321	3,210,372	2.46
Coastal Contracts Bhd	675,700	2,085,229	891,924	0.68
	1,474,300	5,657,550	4,102,296	3.14
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Pecca Group Berhad	1,252,100	1,990,081	2,015,881	1.54
<u>Properties</u>				
Eastern & Oriental Berhad	1,351,592	2,684,668	2,297,706	1.76
Eastern & Oriental Berhad-Warrant	238,840	-	45,380	0.03
IOI Properties Group Berhad	1,500,582	3,358,578	3,301,280	2.53
LBS Bina Group Berhad	2,921,900	4,334,245	5,873,019	4.50
Matrix Concepts Holdings Berhad -Warrant	158,233	-	83,863	0.06
UEM Sunrise Berhad	2,068,700	2,385,941	2,482,440	1.90
Sentoria Group Berhad	2,526,500	2,484,179	2,198,055	1.68
	10,766,347	15,247,611	16,281,743	12.46
<u>REITS</u>				
KIP Real Estate Investment Trust	2,108,200	2,108,200	1,939,544	1.49

## 4. QUOTED EQUITIES (CONTINUED)

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market value at 30.6.2017	Percentage of net assets value
	Units	RM	RM	%
<b>2017</b> (continued)				
<b>Main Market</b> (continued)				
<u>Technology</u>				
Inari Amertron Berhad	3,798,536	4,520,169	8,014,911	6.14
Inari Amertron Berhad-Warrant	545,936	-	709,717	0.54
N2N Connect Berhad	3,714,600	3,329,355	2,785,950	2.13
Unisem (M) Berhad	1,780,400	3,207,855	6,373,832	4.88
Vitrox Corporation Berhad	894,700	2,421,870	7,211,282	5.52
	10,734,172	13,479,249	25,095,692	19.21
<u>Trading/Services</u>				
Axiata Group Berhad	458,910	2,175,638	2,216,535	1.70
Barakah Offshore Petroleum Berhad	2,177,500	2,024,694	1,317,388	1.01
Datasonic Group Berhad	1,163,300	1,957,519	1,442,492	1.10
Genting Bhd	288,900	2,299,628	2,718,549	2.08
MY E.G. Services Berhad	4,435,550	4,485,380	9,713,855	7.44
Pos Malaysia Berhad	512,300	2,670,977	2,715,190	2.08
Sapura Energy Berhad	4,001,300	6,133,355	6,362,067	4.87
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	186,800	1,144,822	1,242,220	0.95
Uzma Berhad	1,303,100	2,781,552	2,084,960	1.60
Texchem Resources Bhd	1,008,200	1,637,598	1,421,562	1.09
	15,535,860	27,311,163	31,234,818	23.92
<b>TOTAL QUOTED EQUITIES</b>	<b>56,180,616</b>	<b>95,224,564</b>	<b>116,498,101</b>	<b>89.18</b>

#### 4. QUOTED EQUITIES

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market value at 30.6.2016	Percentage of net assets value
	Units	RM	RM	%
<b>2016</b>				
<b>Main Market</b>				
<u>Construction</u>				
Gamuda Berhad-Warrant	124,050	31,013	116,607	0.10
Protasco Berhad	1,387,900	2,374,556	2,276,156	1.98
	<u>1,511,950</u>	<u>2,405,569</u>	<u>2,392,763</u>	<u>2.08</u>
<u>Consumer</u>				
Salutica Berhad	1,696,600	1,456,463	1,730,532	1.50
Texchem Resources Berhad	708,200	1,165,000	1,104,792	0.96
	<u>2,404,800</u>	<u>2,621,463</u>	<u>2,835,324</u>	<u>2.46</u>
<u>Consumer Product</u>				
Guinness Anchor Berhad	74,500	1,011,558	1,127,930	0.98
<u>Finance</u>				
Public Bank Berhad	121,469	1,107,806	2,356,499	2.04
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad	611,900	2,501,350	2,478,195	2.15
	<u>733,369</u>	<u>3,609,156</u>	<u>4,834,694</u>	<u>4.19</u>

## 4. QUOTED EQUITIES (CONTINUED)

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market value at 30.6.2016	Percentage of net assets value
	Units	RM	RM	%
<b>2016</b> (continued)				
<b>Main Market</b> (continued)				
<u>Health Care</u>				
IHH Healthcare Berhad	982,700	4,324,470	6,485,820	5.63
Karex Berhad	3,544,387	5,020,797	8,541,973	7.41
Kossan Rubber Industries Berhad	519,800	3,259,868	3,560,630	3.09
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	691,700	2,416,431	2,925,891	2.54
Top Glove Corporation Berhad	1,112,800	5,575,368	5,118,880	4.44
	<u>6,851,387</u>	<u>20,596,934</u>	<u>26,633,194</u>	<u>23.11</u>
<u>Industrial Product</u>				
Cahaya Mata Sarawak Berhad	798,600	3,572,321	2,858,988	2.48
Coastal Contracts Bhd	675,700	2,085,229	1,047,335	0.91
Ta Ann Holdings Berhad	408,600	1,374,898	1,348,380	1.17
	<u>1,882,900</u>	<u>7,032,448</u>	<u>5,254,703</u>	<u>4.56</u>
<u>Infrastructure Project</u>				
<u>Company</u>				
Digi.Com Berhad	493,100	2,303,859	2,357,018	2.05
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Pecca Group Berhad	1,352,100	2,149,021	2,163,360	1.88

## 4. QUOTED EQUITIES (CONTINUED)

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market	Percentage
			value at	of net assets
	Units	RM	30.6.2016	value
			RM	%
<b>2016</b> (continued)				
<b>Main Market</b> (continued)				
<u>Plantation</u>				
IOI Corporation Berhad	679,200	2,991,283	2,947,728	2.56
<u>Properties</u>				
Eastern & Oriental Berhad	1,030,992	2,136,954	1,711,447	1.49
Eastern & Oriental Berhad-Warrant	238,840	-	44,185	0.04
IOI Properties Group Berhad	878,166	2,165,105	2,063,690	1.79
Landmarks Berhad	759,100	1,017,366	588,303	0.51
LBS Bina Group Berhad	2,565,000	3,764,889	4,027,050	3.49
Matrix Concepts Holdings Berhad				
-Warrant	158,233	-	64,876	0.06
Sentoria Group Berhad	2,526,500	2,484,179	2,147,525	1.86
	8,156,831	11,568,493	10,647,076	9.24
<u>Technology</u>				
Globetronics Technology Berhad	167,800	590,907	558,774	0.48
Inari Amertron Berhad	1,790,218	3,798,992	5,316,947	4.61
Inari Amertron Berhad-Warrant	272,968	-	363,047	0.31
N2N Connect Berhad	2,486,700	2,326,426	2,200,729	1.91
Unisem (M) Berhad	1,880,400	3,388,031	4,512,960	3.92
Vitrox Corporation Berhad	894,700	2,421,870	3,373,019	2.93
	7,492,786	12,526,226	16,325,476	14.16



## 4. QUOTED EQUITIES (CONTINUED)

Name of counter	Quantity	Cost	Market	Percentage
			value at	of net assets
	Units	RM	30.6.2016	value
			RM	%
<b>2016</b> (continued)				
<b>Main Market</b> (continued)				
Trading/Services				
Barakah Offshore				
Petroleum Berhad	2,177,500	2,024,694	1,513,362	1.31
Datasonic Group Berhad	846,900	1,581,880	1,067,094	0.93
MY E.G. Services Berhad	2,307,800	2,970,601	4,546,366	3.95
UMW Oil & Gas				
Corporation Berhad	2,587,000	6,811,874	2,418,845	2.10
Uzma Berhad	1,203,100	2,639,551	2,309,952	2.00
Westports Holdings				
Berhad	325,000	1,406,390	1,365,000	1.18
	9,447,300	17,434,990	13,220,619	11.47
<b>TOTAL QUOTED</b>				
<b>EQUITIES</b>	41,080,223	86,251,000	90,739,885	78.74

**5. DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	14,350,000	29,870,000

**6. OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Dividend receivables	187,704	192,287
Interest receivables	1,494	2,769
	<u>189,198</u>	<u>195,056</u>

**7. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>No. of units</b>	<b>No. of units</b>
At 1 January	169,265,010	193,170,781
Add: Creation of units	20,113,637	4,248,240
Less: Cancellation of units	(13,686,460)	(19,774,326)
At 30 June	<u>175,692,187</u>	<u>177,644,695</u>

## 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### 8.1 Categories of financial instruments

The table below provides an analysis of financial instruments categorised as follows:

- Loans and receivables (“L&R”);
- Fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”):
  - Held for trading (“HFT”); and
- Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (“FL”).

	Carrying amount	L&R/ (FL)	FVTPL/ HFT
	RM	RM	RM
<b>2017</b>			
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Investments	130,848,101	14,350,000	116,498,101
Amount due from Manager	91,716	91,716	-
Other receivables	189,198	189,198	-
Bank balance with a licensed bank	92,425	92,425	-
	131,221,440	14,723,339	116,498,101
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Amount due to Manager	(558,661)	(558,661)	-
Accrued management fee	(162,060)	(162,060)	-
Amount due to Trustee	(8,643)	(8,643)	-
Other payables and accrued expenses	(52,399)	(52,399)	-
	(781,763)	(781,763)	-

	Carrying amount	L&R/ (FL)	FVTPL/ HFT
	RM	RM	RM
<b>2016</b>			
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Investments	120,609,885	29,870,000	90,739,885
Amount due from stockbrokers	226,525	226,525	-
Amount due from Manager	221,985	221,985	-
Other receivables	195,056	195,056	-
Bank balance with a licensed bank	22,213	22,213	-
	121,275,664	30,535,779	90,739,885
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Amount due to Manager	(46,470)	(46,470)	-
Amount due to stockbrokers	(5,945,033)	(5,945,033)	-
Accrued management fee	(141,538)	(141,538)	-
Amount due to Trustee	(7,548)	(7,548)	-
Other payables and accrued expenses	(55,431)	(55,431)	-
	(6,196,020)	(6,196,020)	-

## 8.2 Net gains and losses arising from financial instruments

	2017	2016
	RM	RM
Net gain/(loss) arising on:		
Fair value through profit or loss:		
Held for trading - unrealised	14,954,942	(9,838,295)
- realised	(1,667,595)	4,589,323
Loans and receivables	132,590	91,261
	13,419,937	(5,157,711)

### **8.3 Financial risk management**

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

- Investment risk
- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk
- Management company risk

### **8.4 Investment risk**

Investments are bound by the provisions of the Master Deeds and prospectuses that govern the maximum securities holdings and maximum liquid assets holdings.

Investment risks for equity funds consist primarily of market risk, specific stock risk and liquidity risk. The mechanism employed to control investment risk for equity funds is by placing acceptable stock and sector bet limits.

#### Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

The Manager has written policies and guidelines on risk management, which set out the overall investment risks strategies and general risk management philosophies. These processes monitor, measure and control risks associated with the business. Matters relating to investment risks in respect of funds portfolio are discussed during the monthly Investment Committee meetings of the Manager.

## 8.5 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss to the Fund if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Fund's exposure to credit risk arises principally from amount due from Manager, other receivables and bank balances/deposits.

The Fund's maximum credit risk exposure at the reporting date is represented by the respective carrying amounts of the relevant financial assets in the statement of financial position.

No financial assets carried at amortised cost were past due or impaired as at the date of the statement of financial position.

## 8.6 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. This may come about when realisation of units is in excess of normal amounts.

The Fund's exposure to liquidity risk arises principally from its amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, accrued management fee and other payables and accrued expenses.

The extent of exposure to this risk is contained in provisions set out in the prospectus, which allows the Manager to extend the payment period in the event of excessive redemptions. The Fund maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due.

## 8.7 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and other prices will affect the Fund's financial position or cash flows.

### Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

In order to mitigate risks related to changes and developments in regulations, politics, technology and the economy of the country, the Fund would generally hold a diversified portfolio of securities from different market sectors as well as placement in short term deposits with various financial institutions to offset negative events affecting any market sector or financial institution.

### 8.7.1 Interest rate risk

The Fund's investments in fixed rate deposits are exposed to a risk of change in their fair value due to changes in interest rates. Investments in equity securities and short term receivables and payables are not significantly exposed to interest rate risk.

### Exposure to interest rate risk

The interest rate profile of the Fund's significant interest-bearing financial instruments, based on carrying amounts as at the end of the reporting period was:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<u>Fixed rate instruments</u>		
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	14,350,000	29,870,000

Interest rate risk sensitivity analysisFair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Fund accounts for the deposit with a licensed financial institution at amortised cost. Therefore a change in interest rates at the end of the reporting period would not affect profit or loss.

The effective interest rates for the fixed rate instruments are as follow:

	2017	2016
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institutions*	3.80	3.38

\* Deposit with a licensed financial institution will mature within one year from the date of the statement of financial position.

**8.7.2 Other price risk**

Equity price risk arises from the Fund's investments in equity securities.

Equity price risk sensitivity analysis

A 10% (2016: 10%) strengthening in the quoted equity's market prices of the Fund's portfolio at the end of the reporting period would have increased equity and profit or loss by RM11,649,810 (2016: RM9,073,988). A weakening in the quoted equity's market prices would have had equal but opposite effect on equity and profit or loss respectively.

**8.8 Effective interest rates and maturity dates**

The effective interest rates and the maturity dates of the financial instruments of the Fund are disclosed in Note 8.7.1.



## **8.9 Management company risk**

The Fund's Trustee ensures that the Manager operates and administers the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Master Deeds, prospectuses, the Securities Commission Guidelines and Regulations and within acceptable business practices. The Manager's internal Compliance unit plays a complementary role to the Trustee to ensure compliance within the organisation with all relevant legislations and to supervise the monitoring of all prescribed limits to ensure compliance with securities related legislation.

## **8.10 Fair value information**

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, demand deposits, receivables and payables approximate their fair values due to the relatively short term nature of these financial instruments.

The fair values of quoted equities, together with the carrying amounts shown in the statement of financial position, are already disclosed in Note 4.

The following summarises the methods used in determining the fair value of financial instruments:

### Quoted equities

Quoted equities in Malaysia are valued at the last bid price quoted on the Bursa Malaysia at the date of the statement of financial position, in accordance with the Master Deed. Unrealised gain or loss is taken to statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value and those not carried at fair value for which fair value is disclosed, together with their fair values and carrying amounts shown in the statement of financial position.

	Fair value of financial instruments carried at fair value			Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value				Total fair value	Carrying amount
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
<b>2017</b>									
<b>Financial assets</b>									
Quoted equities	116,498,101	-	-	116,498,101	-	-	-	116,498,101	116,498,101
	116,498,101	-	-	116,498,101	-	-	-	116,498,101	116,498,101
<b>2016</b>									
<b>Financial assets</b>									
Quoted equities	90,739,885	-	-	90,739,885	-	-	-	90,739,885	90,739,885
	90,739,885	-	-	90,739,885	-	-	-	90,739,885	90,739,885

### 8.10.1 Fair value hierarchy

#### Policy on transfer between levels

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

#### Level 1 fair value

Level 1 fair value is derived from quoted price (unadjusted) in active markets for identical financial assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2 fair value

Level 2 fair value is estimated using inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the financial assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly.

#### Transfer between Level 1 and Level 2 fair values

There has been no transfer between Level 1 and 2 fair values during the financial period. (2016: no transfer in either directions).

#### Level 3 fair value

Level 3 fair value is estimated using unobservable inputs for the financial assets and liabilities.

## 9. MANAGEMENT FEE

The Deed provides that the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 3.00% per annum of the Net Assets Value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

The Manager is currently entitled to a management fee at a rate of 1.50% per annum (2016: 1.50% per annum) of the Net Assets Value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

## 10. TRUSTEE'S FEE

The Deed provides that the Trustee is entitled to a fee at a rate not exceeding 0.20% per annum of the Net Assets Value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis and subject to a minimum of RM35,000 per annum.

The Trustee is currently entitled to a fee at a rate of 0.08% per annum (2016 : 0.08% per annum) of the Net Assets Value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis and subject to a minimum of RM35,000 per annum.

## 11. TAX EXPENSE

	Note	1.1.2017 to 30.6.2017	1.1.2016 to 30.6.2016
		RM	RM
Current tax expense		2,108	(220)
<b>Reconciliation of tax expense</b>			
Net income/(loss) before tax		12,263,876	(6,161,127)
Income tax using Malaysian tax rate of 24%		2,943,330	(1,478,671)
Non-assessable income	11.1	(3,215,725)	1,237,851
Non-deductible expenses		56,566	26,466
Restriction on the tax deductible expenses for unit trust funds		220,889	214,354
Income subject to different tax rate		(2,952)	-
Tax expense		2,108	(220)

### 11.1 Non-assessable income

Income from deposits placement is exempted from tax in accordance with Schedule 6, Para 35A of the Income Tax Act (ITA), 1967. Pursuant to Section 61(1)(b) of the ITA, 1967, gains from realisation of investment will not be treated as income of the Fund and hence are not subject to income tax. In accordance with Sections 61 and 63B of the ITA, 1967, interest income and gains on sale of investments are exempted from tax.

## 12. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER

Units held at the end of the financial period

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>No. of units</b>	<b>No. of units</b>
Manager		
Eastspring Investments Berhad	2,386	2,386

The above units were transacted at the prevailing market prices on the transaction dates.

The units are held legally by the Manager and are within the prescribed limit allowed by Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

### 13. STOCKBROKERS' TRANSACTIONS

The details of transactions with the top 10 brokers by value of trades are as follows:

Name of brokers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>Financial period ended</u>				
<u>30 June 2017</u>				
Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	6,660,943	18.05	20,770	17.93
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	5,240,270	14.20	15,920	13.74
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	4,830,560	13.09	15,137	13.07
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	4,516,951	12.24	14,806	12.78
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	3,833,317	10.39	12,554	10.84
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	2,993,591	8.11	9,685	8.36
CIMB Investment Bank Berhad	2,108,200	5.71	4,470	3.86
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	1,732,890	4.69	5,543	4.78
Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	1,591,248	4.31	5,523	4.77
Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad	1,057,420	2.86	3,539	3.05
Others	2,342,638	6.35	7,906	6.82
	<b>36,908,028</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>115,853</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**13. STOCKBROKERS' TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)**

Name of brokers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>Financial period ended</u>				
<u>30 June 2016</u>				
KAF Seagroatt & Campbell Securities Sdn Bhd	23,244,629	23.22	72,915	23.10
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	12,200,059	12.19	38,472	12.19
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	11,395,393	11.38	35,297	11.18
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	10,547,160	10.54	34,192	10.83
Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	7,764,442	7.76	25,010	7.92
CIMB Investment Bank Berhad	6,038,200	6.03	19,121	6.06
Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad	5,661,997	5.66	18,984	6.01
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	5,551,107	5.55	15,149	4.80
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	4,835,235	4.83	14,951	4.74
Inter-Pacific Securities Sdn Berhad	3,723,877	3.72	11,852	3.75
Others	9,126,628	9.12	29,728	9.42
	<b>100,088,727</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>315,671</b>	<b>100.00</b>

All brokers highlighted above are not related to the Manager.

**14. MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO ("MER")**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
MER	0.84	0.84

MER includes management fee, trustee's fee, auditor's remuneration, tax agent's fees and administrative expenses which is calculated as follows:

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

A = Management fee

B = Trustee's fee

C = Auditor's remuneration

D = Tax agent's fees

E = Administrative expenses

F = Average Net Assets Value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average Net Assets Value of the Fund for the financial period is RM123,327,463 (2016: RM119,334,404).



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

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
PTR (times)	0.15	0.42

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{\text{(Total acquisitions + total disposals for the financial period)}/2}{\text{Average Net Assets Value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis}}$$

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>

Where:

Total acquisitions for the financial period	15,594,469	37,038,997
Total disposals for the financial period	21,313,559	62,851,198

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