

# PROSPECTUS

## Areca Islamic equity TRUST Fund

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**THE FUND IS CONSTITUTED ON 1 MARCH 2022.**

Manager  
Areca Capital Sdn Bhd [200601021087 (740840-D)]

Trustee  
Maybank Trustees Berhad [196301000109 (5004-P)]

INVESTORS ARE ADVISED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE PROSPECTUS. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL ADVISER.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN RISK FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS, SEE "RISK FACTORS" COMMENCING ON PAGE 13.



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## **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENTS**

This Prospectus has been reviewed and approved by the directors of Areca Capital Sdn Bhd and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information. Having made all reasonable enquiries, they confirm to the best of their knowledge and belief, that there are no false or misleading statements, or omission of other facts which would make any statement in this Prospectus false or misleading.

## **STATEMENTS OF DISCLAIMER**

The Securities Commission Malaysia has authorised the Areca Islamic equityTRUST Fund ("Fund") and a copy of this Prospectus has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia.

The authorisation of the Fund, and registration of this Prospectus, should not be taken to indicate that the Securities Commission Malaysia recommends the Fund or assumes responsibility for the correctness of any statement made, opinion expressed or report contained in this Prospectus.

The Securities Commission Malaysia is not liable for any non-disclosure on the part of Areca Capital Sdn Bhd, the management company responsible for the Fund and takes no responsibility for the contents in this Prospectus. The Securities Commission Malaysia makes no representation on the accuracy or completeness of this Prospectus, and expressly disclaims any liability whatsoever arising from, or in reliance upon, the whole or any part of its contents.

**INVESTORS SHOULD RELY ON THEIR OWN EVALUATION TO ASSESS THE MERITS AND RISKS OF THE INVESTMENT. IF INVESTORS ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN EVALUATION, THEY ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS.**

## **ADDITIONAL STATEMENT**

Investors should note that they may seek recourse under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 for breaches of securities laws including any statement in the Prospectus that is false, misleading, or from which there is a material omission; or for any misleading or deceptive act in relation to the Prospectus or the conduct of any other person in relation to the Fund.

The distribution of this Prospectus and offering, purchase, sale or transfer of units of the Fund in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. In these jurisdictions, other than Malaysia, the Manager has not applied to allow distribution of this Prospectus or unit of the Fund. Therefore, this Prospectus does not constitute an offer or invitation to purchase units of the Fund in any jurisdiction in which such offer or invitation would be unlawful.

Investors should be aware that for investments of the Fund made via any of our authorised third party distributors, where applicable, any investment transactions are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective distributors.

The Areca Islamic equityTRUST Fund has been certified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Adviser appointed for the Fund.

## **NO CASH / THIRD-PARTY PAYMENT POLICY**

Areca Capital Sdn Bhd is committed towards safeguarding the interests of our investors; prevention of any incidence of cash mishandling or mismanagement while heeding Bank Negara Malaysia's desire for electronic payment methods for greater efficiency, transparency and accountability.

In view of this, we have embarked on a no-cash / third-party payment policy; where **ANY FORM OF CASH PAYMENT, CASH DEPOSITS AND 3RD PARTY PAYMENT ARE STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED.**

## GLOSSARY

<b>Areca/ Manager/ Management Company/ We/ Us/ Our</b>	Refers to Areca Capital Sdn Bhd;
<b>Base Currency</b>	Means the base currency of the Fund, i.e. RM;
<b>BNM</b>	Refers to Bank Negara Malaysia;
<b>Bursa Malaysia</b>	Means the stock exchange managed and operated by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad;
<b>Business Day</b>	A day on which Bursa Malaysia is open for trading;
<b>CMSA</b>	The Capital Markets and Services Act, 2007 including all amendments thereto;
<b>Deed(s)</b>	The Deed in relation to the Fund and any other supplemental deeds that may be entered into between the Manager and the Trustee;
<b>FIMM</b>	Refers to the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia;
<b>Financial Institution</b>	Means, (a) if the institution is in Malaysia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. licensed bank;</li> <li>ii. licensed investment bank; and</li> <li>iii. licensed Islamic bank;</li> </ul> <p>(b) if the institution is outside Malaysia, any institution that is licensed, registered, approved or authorised to provide financial services by the relevant banking regulator;</p> <p>“licensed bank” has the same meaning as given under the Financial Services Act 2013;</p> <p>“licensed investment bank” has the same meaning as given under the Financial Services Act 2013;</p> <p>“licensed Islamic bank” has the same meaning assigned to it under the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013”;</p>
<b>Fund</b>	Refers to Areca Islamic equityTRUST Fund;
<b>Fund Manager</b>	A person who undertakes the fund management function, or part thereof, for the Fund and who is a holder of a capital markets services licence for the regulated activity of fund management;
<b>Guidelines</b>	Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds issued by the SC as may be amended from time to time;
<b>Islamic CIS</b>	Islamic collective investment schemes which include Islamic exchange traded funds;

<p><b>Islamic Deposits</b></p>	<p>Means a sum of money accepted or paid in accordance with Shariah -</p> <p>(a) on terms under which it will be repaid in full, with or without any gains, return or any other consideration in money or money's worth, either on demand or at a time or in circumstances agreed by or on behalf of the person making the payment and person accepting it; or</p> <p>(b) under an agreement, on terms whereby the proceeds under the arrangement to be paid to the person paying the sum of money shall not be less than such sum of money;</p> <p>but excludes money paid bona fide -</p> <p>(i) by way of an advance or a part payment under a contract for the sale, hire or other provision of property or services, and is repayable only in the event that the property or services are not in fact sold, hired or otherwise provided;</p> <p>(ii) by way of security for the performance of a contract or by way of security in respect of any loss which may result from the non-performance of a contract;</p> <p>(iii) without limiting paragraph (ii), by way of security for the delivery up or return of any property, whether in a particular state of repair or otherwise; and</p> <p>(iv) in such other circumstances, or to or by such other person, as set out in schedule 2 of the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013;</p>
<p><b>Islamic Liquid Assets</b></p>	<p>Means any Shariah-compliant permitted investment capable of being converted into cash within seven (7) days;</p>
<p><b>IUTA</b></p>	<p>Institutional unit trust scheme adviser, which is a corporation registered with the FIMM and authorised to market and distribute unit trust schemes of another party;</p>
<p><b>Jointholder</b></p>	<p>A person who holds Units together with another person or persons and "Jointholders" means the persons who are holding the same Units;</p>
<p><b>Long-Term</b></p>	<p>Means a period of at least five (5) years;</p>
<p><b>Medium to Long Term</b></p>	<p>Means a period of three (3) years or more;</p>
<p><b>Net Asset Value or NAV</b></p>	<p>The value of all assets of the Fund less the value of all liabilities of the Fund at a valuation point;</p>
<p><b>NAV per Unit</b></p>	<p>The net asset value of the Fund at a particular valuation point divided by the total number of Units in circulation at the same valuation point;</p>
<p><b>Redemption</b></p>	<p>The repurchase by the Manager of the Units owned by the Unit Holders upon a proper redemption request;</p>
<p><b>RM</b></p>	<p>Ringgit Malaysia;</p>
<p><b>SAC of SC</b></p>	<p>Refers to Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia;</p>
<p><b>SC</b></p>	<p>Refers to the Securities Commission Malaysia which was established under the Securities Commission Malaysia Act 1993;</p>

<b>Shariah</b>	Means Islamic law comprising the whole body of rulings pertaining to human conducts derived from the sources of the Shariah namely the Qur`an (the holy book of Islam), and its practices and explanations rendered by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and Ijtihad of ulamak (personal efforts by qualified Shariah scholars to determine the true ruling of the divine law on matters whose revelations are not explicit);
<b>Shariah Adviser</b>	Refers to Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd;
<b>Shariah Requirements</b>	The requirements which make sure that any human conduct must not involve any elements which are prohibited by the Shariah and that in performing that conduct all the essential elements that make up the conduct must be present and each essential element must meet all the necessary conditions as required by the Shariah for that element;
<b>Special Resolution</b>	Means a resolution passed at a meeting of Unit Holders duly convened in accordance with the Deed by a majority of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the Unit Holders present and voting at the meeting in person or by proxy; for the avoidance of doubt, "three-fourths (3/4) of the Unit Holders present and voting at the meeting in person or by proxy" means three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast by the Unit Holders present and voting; for the purposes of terminating the Fund, "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed at a meeting of Unit Holders duly convened in accordance with the Deed by a majority in number representing at least three-fourths (3/4) of the value of the Units held by Unit Holders present and voting at the meeting in person or by proxy;
<b>Trustee</b>	Refers to Maybank Trustees Berhad, includes its permitted assigns and successors in title;
<b>Units</b>	Means units of the Fund, it is a measurement of the right and/or interest of a Unit Holder in the Fund;
<b>Unit Holder/You</b>	A person for the time being who is registered pursuant to the Deed as a holder of Units, including a Jointholder.

Definition or meaning of words not otherwise expressed above shall follow the meaning or interpretation as ascribed in the Guidelines and the CMSA.

## CORPORATE DIRECTORY

### MANAGER

#### **Areca Capital Sdn Bhd (200601021087 (740840-D))**

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##### **Business Address:**

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Fax: 603-7955 4111

Website: [www.arecacapital.com](http://www.arecacapital.com)

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raja Datuk Zaharaton binti Raja Dato' Zainal Abidin (Independent Non-Executive)

Dr. Junid Saham (Independent Non-Executive)

Danny Wong Teck Meng (Non-independent, Executive)

Edward Iskandar Toh Bin Abdullah (Non-independent, Executive)

### TRUSTEE

#### **Maybank Trustees Berhad (196301000109 (5004-P))**

##### **Business Address and Registered Address**

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##### **Trustee's Delegate**

#### **Malayan Banking Berhad (196001000142 (3813-K))**

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## INFORMATION OF THE FUND

<b>Areca Islamic equityTRUST Fund</b>							
<b>CATEGORY OF THE FUND</b>	Equity (Shariah-compliant)						
<b>TYPE OF FUND</b>	Growth						
<b>TRUSTEE</b>	Maybank Trustees Berhad						
<b>INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide investors with Medium to Long Term capital growth by investing primarily in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities. <i>Any material changes to the Fund's objective would require Unit Holder's approval.</i>						
<b>ASSET ALLOCATION</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Asset Type</th> <th style="text-align: center;">% of the NAV</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities</td> <td>70%-98% of the NAV of the Fund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Islamic Liquid Assets</td> <td>Minimum 2% of the NAV of the Fund</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Asset Type	% of the NAV	Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities	70%-98% of the NAV of the Fund	Islamic Liquid Assets	Minimum 2% of the NAV of the Fund
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<b>BASE CURRENCY</b>	RM						
<b>INITIAL OFFER PERIOD (IOP)</b>	21 days from the date of the Prospectus.						
<b>INITIAL OFFER PRICE</b>	RM0.5000						
<b>FINANCIAL YEAR END</b>	31 March						
<b>INVESTORS' PROFILE</b>	<p>The Fund is suitable for investors who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seek capital growth;</li> <li>• have a high risk tolerance;</li> <li>• have a Medium to Long Term investment horizon; and</li> <li>• seek to invest in a portfolio of investments that comply with Shariah requirements.</li> </ul>						
<b>INVESTMENT STRATEGY</b>	<p>To achieve its investment objective, The Manager will adopt an active trading strategy with frequency that will depend on the market conditions and the market outlook.</p> <p>The Fund will invest a maximum of 98% of its NAV in Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities and a minimum of 2% of its NAV in Islamic Liquid Assets. Shariah-compliant equity-related securities includes but not limited to different classes of listed and unlisted Shariah-compliant shares, Shariah-compliant warrants, Shariah-compliant options, Islamic preference shares and Shariah-compliant convertible securities. The Fund will normally invest in Shariah-compliant securities issued by companies that exhibit a good management track record, a sound history of Long-Term profitability and earnings resilience, a strong balance sheet, and/or have a good competitive position in their respective industries.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest in units or shares of other Islamic CIS which have similar objective. Nevertheless, the Fund may also invest in Islamic money market or short term Islamic fixed income funds for the purpose of liquidity, diversification of investments and investment risk mitigation.</p> <p>The Fund may take a temporary defensive position, which may be inconsistent with the Fund's investment strategies and asset allocation, to respond to adverse economic, political or other market conditions by holding up to 100% of the Fund's NAV in Islamic Liquid Assets or Islamic money market and short term Islamic fixed income funds.</p>						

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<b>INVESTMENT STRATEGY</b>	<p>In general, the temporary defensive positions shall be taken for a period of not more than 6 months. However, the position could be held for a longer period with the approval from the investment committee of the Fund during prolonged adverse market conditions. We will re-align the Fund to its principal investment strategies when market conditions turn for the better.</p>
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	<p>The Fund may engage in trading activities when opportunities arise. Opportunities would include but not limited to arbitrage situations, discrepancies in valuation, expected liquidity surges and thematic plays.</p> <p>All investments carry an element of risk which may affect the Fund's performance including capital losses arising from volatility of the stock prices. The value of the Fund may fluctuate in response to the underlying factors such as economic conditions, interest rates movements, global and domestic liquidity flows and general markets conditions.</p> <p>We adopt various risks management strategies such as asset allocation, diversification, liquidity management and temporary defensive strategy to mitigate and diversify the inherent risks associated to the Fund. Generally, the broad asset allocations and the respective investment restrictions of the Fund are monitored regularly by the compliance department who reports monthly to the investment committee of the Fund.</p> <p>As part of our liquidity management, the Fund shall ensure that the holdings of any Shariah-compliant stocks/securities shall not exceed 10% of the Fund's NAV and the permitted investments shall be spread across various sectors and industries. The Fund will invest a minimum of 30% of its NAV in permitted investments which can be liquidated within 3 Business Days and not more than 20% of its NAV in illiquid permitted investments which not readily to be liquidated within 10 Business Days. It is also the Fund's strategy to mitigate its liquidity risk by investing in Islamic CIS. Although the cost is relatively higher than direct investments, investing in Islamic CIS with similar investment objectives of the Fund indirectly gives the Fund exposure to the underlying investments of the Islamic CIS. Investments in Islamic CIS can usually be redeemed on any Business Day at prices quoted daily and proceeds are generally paid within seven (7) Business Days in accordance with the Guidelines. It may be difficult to immediately redeem a direct investment in listed securities as it is subjected to prevailing market conditions at that point in time, including availability of a ready buyer and an acceptable market price.</p>
<b>PERMITTED INVESTMENTS</b>	<p>Unless otherwise prohibited by the relevant authorities or any relevant laws and provided always that there are no inconsistencies with the objective of the Fund. The Fund will invest in the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities;</li> <li>• Islamic Deposits with Financial Institutions;</li> <li>• Units or shares in Islamic CIS; and</li> <li>• Any other form of Shariah-compliant investment as may be agreed upon by the Manager and the Trustee from time to time.</li> </ul>
<b>INVESTMENT RESTRICTION</b>	<p><b>The investment restrictions are as follows:</b></p> <p>(i) The aggregate value of the Fund's investment in Shariah-compliant transferable securities that are not traded or dealt in or under the rules of an eligible market must not exceed 15% of the Fund's NAV, subject to a maximum limit of 10% of the Fund's NAV in a single issuer;</p> <p>(ii) The value of the Fund's investment in Shariah-compliant ordinary shares issued by any single issuer must not exceed 10% of the Fund's NAV;</p> <p>(iii) The value of the Fund's investment in Shariah-compliant transferable securities issued by any single issuer must not exceed 15% of the Fund's NAV. In determining the single issuer limit, the value of the Fund's investments in instruments in paragraph (i) issued by the same issuer must be included in the calculation;</p>

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**INVESTMENT  
RESTRICTION**

- (iv) The aggregate value of the Fund's investment in or exposure to, a single issuer through Shariah-compliant transferable securities and Islamic Deposits must not exceed 25% of the Fund's NAV ("single issuer aggregate limit"). In determining the single issuer aggregate limit, the value of the Fund's investments in instruments in paragraph (i) issued by the same issuer must be included in the calculation;
- (v) The single issuer limit in paragraph (iii) may be raised to 35% of the Fund's NAV if the issuing entity is, or the issue is guaranteed by, either a foreign government, foreign government agency, foreign central bank or supranational, that has a minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade (including gradation and subcategories) by an international rating agency. Where the single issuer limit is increased to 35% of the Fund's NAV, the single aggregate limit in paragraph (iv) may be raised, subject to the group limit in paragraph (viii) below not exceeding 35% of the Fund's NAV.
- (vi) The value of the Fund's placement in Islamic Deposits with any single Financial Institution must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV. The single financial institution limit does not apply to placements of Islamic Deposits arising from:
  - (a) subscription monies received prior to the commencement of investment of the Fund;
  - (b) liquidation of investments prior to the termination or maturity of the Fund, where the placement of Islamic Deposits with various Financial Institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders; or
  - (c) monies held for the settlement of redemption or other payment obligations, where the placement of Islamic Deposits with various Financial Institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders;
- (vii) The value of the Fund's investment in units/shares of any Islamic CIS must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV provided that the Islamic CIS complies with the Guidelines;
- (viii) The value of the Fund's investment in Shariah-compliant transferable securities issued by any group of companies must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV ("group limit"). In determining the group limit, the value of the Fund's investments in instruments in paragraph (i) issued by the issuers within the same group of companies must be included in the calculation;
- (ix) The Fund's investment in Shariah-compliant shares or securities equivalent to shares must not exceed 10% of the shares or securities equivalent to shares, as the case may be, issued by any single issuer;
- (x) The Fund's investment in Islamic CIS must not exceed 25% of the units or shares in the Islamic CIS;
- (xi) The value of a fund's investments in units or shares of an Islamic CIS that invests in real estate must not exceed 15% of the fund's NAV; and
- (xii) At least 2% of the Fund's NAV must be invested in Islamic Liquid Assets.

The above limits and restrictions shall be complied with at all times based on the most up-to-date value of the Fund's investments. The Manager shall notify the SC, within seven (7) Business Days, of any breach of investment limits and restrictions with the steps taken to rectify and prevent such breach from recurring. However, any breach as a result of any appreciation or depreciation in value of the Fund's investments; repurchase of units or payment made out of the Fund; change in capital of a corporation in which the Fund has invested in; or downgrade in or cessation of a credit rating, need not be reported to the SC but must be rectified by the Manager as soon as practicable within three (3) months from the date of breach, unless otherwise specified in the Guidelines.

Please note that the Fund will invest in listed securities which are classified as Shariah-compliant based on the list of Shariah-compliant securities issued by the SAC of SC. For securities that are not classified by the SAC of SC, their Shariah-compliant status shall be determined in accordance with the rulings of the Shariah Adviser. Any potential departure from these guidelines due to unusual situations would require prior approval from the Shariah Adviser before implementation.

<b>Areca Islamic equityTRUST Fund</b>	
<b>PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK</b>	1-year Average Returns of the funds under Lipper’s “Equity Malaysia-Islamic” category. The information on the benchmark is available at <a href="http://www.arecacapital.com">www.arecacapital.com</a> (the Average Returns can also be obtained from the weekly the Edge / Lipper Fund Table).
<b>ENTRY FEE (SALES CHARGE)</b>	Unit trust consultants, third-party distributors: Up to 3% of the net investment amount of the Fund
<b>EXIT FEE</b>	NIL
<b>FEES AND EXPENSES</b> - This table describes the fees that you may indirectly incur when you buy or redeem Units in the Fund.	
<b>MANAGEMENT FEE</b>	Up to 2.00% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.
<b>TRUSTEE FEE</b>	Up to 0.06% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM6,000 per annum.
<b>ANY OTHER FEES PAYABLE INDIRECTLY BY AN INVESTOR</b>	<p>These include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissions or fees paid to brokers or dealers;</li> <li>▪ Auditor’s fee;</li> <li>▪ Tax adviser’s fee;</li> <li>▪ Valuation fee;</li> <li>▪ Fund accounting fee;</li> <li>▪ Remuneration and out of pocket expenses of the independent members of the investment committee of the Fund;</li> <li>▪ Taxes and other duties charged on the Fund by the government and/or other authorities;</li> <li>▪ Tax vouchers;</li> <li>▪ Annual/semi-annual reports/statements;</li> <li>▪ Shariah Adviser’s fee;</li> <li>▪ Cost incurred for the modification of the Deed other than those for the benefit of the Manager and/or Trustee; and</li> <li>▪ Cost, fees and expenses incurred for any meeting of the Unit Holders save where such meeting is convened for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee.</li> </ul>
<b>TRANSACTIONS</b>	
<b>MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT</b>	RM10,000 or such other limit at the Manager’s discretion.
<b>MINIMUM ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT</b>	RM1,000 or such other limit at the Manager’s discretion.
<b>MINIMUM REDEMPTION</b>	10,000 Units or such other lower limit at the Manager’s discretion.
<b>MINIMUM BALANCE</b>	You are required to redeem all your investment if you have less than 1,000 Units or such other lower amount as decided by the Manager.

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<b>REDEMPTION PAYMENT</b>	<p>We will pay you within seven (7) Business Days upon receipt of the duly completed original Redemption form. However, for this Fund, it is our general Redemption policy to make payment within three (3) Business Days (T+3 day). Please note that for third party distributors such as IUTA, the Redemption payment could be longer, however it is still within seven (7) Business Days as aforementioned.</p> <p>Redemption proceeds will be only paid to the principal holder, unless requested by the principal holder to pay to the Jointholder. We do not pay to any third-party.</p>
<b>DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME</b>	Incidental, subject to the availability of distributable income.
<b>SWITCHING FACILITY</b>	Available. However, switching from an Islamic fund to a conventional fund is discouraged especially for Muslim Unit Holders. Please check with the Manager or the distributors on the terms, risks and fees involved.
<b>CUT-OFF TIME</b>	All completed transaction forms and investment notice must be submitted to the Manager before the cut-off time, on any Business Day. We will process your transaction on the next Business Day if we receive your application after the cut-off time. Distributors may impose an earlier cut-off time if you purchase the Units through our distributors. Redemption proceeds will only be credited into your account after we receive your original Redemption form. Please refer to our company website, <a href="http://www.arecacapital.com">www.arecacapital.com</a> for the cut-off time.
<b>INCOME DISTRIBUTION RE-INVESTMENT POLICY</b>	Unit Holders will have an option to receive income distribution via bank transfer or to re-invest. In the absence of written instructions from a Unit Holder, we shall be entitled to re-invest the income distributed from the Fund in additional Units of the Fund at the NAV per Unit at the end of the distribution day with no entry fee.
<b>TRANSFER OF UNITS</b>	<p>Unit Holders are permitted to transfer part or all of their Units in the Fund to their immediate family members by completing a Transfer form. However, for the transfer of Units to other investors, it is subject to the discretion of the Manager and the Manager reserve the rights to reject the transfer without assigning any reason. Transfers from corporate accounts to individual accounts are not permitted.</p> <p>You must submit the completed Transfer form before the cut-off time on any Business Day. We will process your transaction on the next Business Day if we receive your application after the cut-off time. A transfer will be effected subject to the terms and conditions applicable for the Fund.</p>

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<p><b>SOFT COMMISSION</b></p>	<p>The Manager will retain soft commissions received from stockbrokers, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the soft commissions bring direct benefit or advantage to the management of the Fund and may include research and advisory related services;</li> <li>(b) any dealing with the stockbrokers is executed on terms which are the most favourable for the Fund; and</li> <li>(c) the availability of soft commissions is not the sole or primary purpose to perform or arrange transactions with such stockbroker, and the Manager shall not enter into unnecessary trades in order to achieve a sufficient volume of transactions to qualify for soft commissions.</li> </ul> <p>The soft commissions may be in the form of goods and services such as data and quotation services, computer software incidental to the management of the Fund and investment related publications. Cash rebates, if any, will be directed to the account of the Fund.</p>
<p><b>COOLING-OFF RIGHTS</b></p>	<p>A cooling-off right will be given to you if you are investing in any unit trust funds managed by us for the first time. The cooling-off period given to you is six (6) Business Days commencing from the date of receipt of the investment application by us. The refund for every Unit held following a request by you pursuant to the exercise of a cooling-off right should be the sum of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the NAV per Unit at the point of exercise of the cooling-off right ("market price"), if the NAV per Unit on the day the Units were purchased ("original price") is higher than the market price; or</li> <li>• the original price, if the market price is higher than the original price;</li> </ul> <p>together with the charges imposed on the day the units were purchased.</p> <p>Where the market price is higher than the original price paid by an investor, we may agree to pay the investor the excess amount, provided that such amount is not paid out of the Fund or the assets of the Fund.</p> <p>A cooling-off right is given to an individual investor except for where such investor is an existing Unit Holder, a staff of the Manager or persons registered with a body approved by the SC to deal in unit trusts.</p> <p>The moneys to be refunded to you pursuant to the exercise of a cooling-off right will only be paid after we have received cleared funds for the original investment. You must submit the completed Cooling-off form before the cut-off time on any Business Day. We will process your transaction on the next Business Day if we receive your application after the cut-off time.</p>

**There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider the fees and charges before investing in the Fund. All fees and charges is subject to any other taxes which the government may impose from time to time.**

**Unit prices and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up.**

**You should read and understand the contents of this Prospectus and, if necessary, consult your adviser. For information concerning certain risk factors which should be considered by you, see "Risk Factors" commencing on page 13.**

## **RISKS FACTORS**

All types of investments carry some degree of risks which may have an adverse effect on the price of the investments. Therefore, before making an investment decision, investors are advised to consider the different types of risks that may affect the unit trust fund. Below are some of the general risks of investing in the unit trust fund and specific risks associated with the investment portfolio of the Fund.

### **GENERAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN A UNIT TRUST FUND**

#### **▪ Market Risk**

Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political, social and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the fund's net asset value. Market risk stems from the fact that there are economy-wide perils which impact all businesses. Investors will be exposed to market uncertainties no matter how a fund's investments are diversified. The fluctuations in the economy, political and social environment will affect the market price of the fund's investments either in a positive or negative way.

#### **▪ Manager's Risk**

This risk refers to the day-to-day management of a fund by the manager which will impact the performance of the fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by the manager, as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the fund.

#### **▪ Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risks refer to the ease of liquidating an asset at or near its fair value depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the fund will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavourable prices. In situation where the fund has insufficient cash and is unable to liquidate its assets due to market condition as aforesaid, redemption requests made by the unit holders are likely to be affected as the Manager may not be able to fulfil its payment obligation on time.

#### **▪ Financing Risk**

The risk occurs when investors take a financing to finance their investment and thereafter unable to service the financing payments. If units are used as collateral, an investor may be required to top-up the investor's existing instalment if the prices of units fall below a certain level due to market conditions. Failing which, the units may be sold at a lower net asset value per unit as compared to the net asset value per unit at the point of purchase towards settling the financing.

#### **▪ Performance Risk**

As a result of the risk elements, the returns from a fund are not guaranteed. The value of the fund's investment will vary when disposed and an investment may be worth more or less than when purchased.

#### **▪ Inflation Risk**

This is the risk that investors' investment in the unit trust fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce investors' purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.

#### **▪ Non-Compliance Risk**

This risk refers to the possibility that the manager may not follow the provisions set out in the prospectus or the deed or the laws, rules, guidelines or internal operating policies which governs the fund. Non-compliance may occur directly due to factors such as human error or system failure and can also occur indirectly due to amendment on the relevant regulatory frameworks, laws, rules, and other legal practices affecting the fund. This risk may result in operational disruptions and potential losses to the fund. The Manager aims to reduce this risk by placing stringent internal policies

and procedures and compliance monitoring processes to ensure that the fund is in compliance with the relevant regulations or guidelines.

## **SPECIFIC RISKS ASSOCIATED TO THE FUND**

### ▪ **Stock Specific Risk**

Prices of a particular Shariah-compliant stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such Shariah-compliant stock will adversely affect the Fund's NAV.

### ▪ **Equity-related Securities Risk**

The Fund invests in Shariah-compliant equity-related securities such as Shariah-compliant rights and Shariah-compliant warrants, where price movement is dependent on the price movement of the underlying equities. The risk of these Shariah-compliant equity-related securities generally higher than their underlying equities as they may be leveraged form of investment. The price of Shariah-compliant equity-related securities generally fluctuates more than the underlying equities and consequently may affect the volatility of the Fund's NAV. For example, Shariah-compliant warrants have a limited life and will depreciate in value as they approach their maturity date. If a Shariah-compliant warrant's exercise price is above the underlying share price at any time during its remaining subscription period, the Shariah-compliant warrant will theoretically carry little value and Shariah-compliant warrants that are not exercised at or before the maturity date will become worthless.

### • **Islamic CIS Risk**

The Fund may invest into Islamic CIS which the Islamic CIS's management company has absolute discretion over the management and operations control as well as investment strategy of such Islamic CIS. In the event of mis-management of the Islamic CIS due to factors such as incorrect market view adopted by the Islamic CIS's management company or non-compliance with the Shariah investment requirements by the Islamic CIS, the performance of the Islamic CIS will be adversely affected. This will further impact the performance of the Fund.

### • **Profit Rate Risk**

Profit rate risk refers to the impact of profit rate changes on the Islamic Deposits. Profit rate fluctuations affect the Islamic Deposits' returns of the Fund. Profit rates offered by the Financial Institutions will fluctuate according to the overnight rate policy determined by BNM and this has direct correlation with the Fund's investment in Islamic Deposits. The Fund's future reinvestment in Islamic Deposits will benefit from the higher profit rate and in the event of falling profit rates, the Fund's future investment in Islamic deposits will be reinvested at lower profit rates which in turn will reduce the Fund's potential returns.

### • **Reclassification of Shariah Status Risk**

This refers to the situation where the Shariah-compliant investments currently held by the Fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review by the SAC of the SC or the Shariah Adviser of the Fund. In such circumstance, we are required to dispose of such investments immediately if the market value is above the investment cost. In the event the market value is below the investment cost, we may choose to hold these investments until the market value meets the investment cost. However, in the event we decide to dispose of these investments below the investment cost, the Fund will realise its losses and thus impact the NAV of the Fund.

For further information of the risk, you may refer to "Shariah Investment Guidelines" issued by the Shariah Adviser on page 16 of this Prospectus on how the Shariah methodologies treat the investment gains and losses as a result of reclassification of Shariah status of a particular investment.



**The abovementioned risks which you should consider before investing into a unit trust fund should not be considered to be an exhaustive list.**

**You should be aware that investments in the Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.**

## SHARIAH INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

The following are the Shariah Investment Guidelines for the Fund, which the Manager, is to strictly adhere to on a continuous basis. At all times, the Fund shall invest in investment instruments that are allowed under the Shariah principles and shall not invest in investment instruments that are prohibited by the Shariah principles based on the Shariah Advisory Council of SC or the Shariah Adviser's established parameters, where applicable.

The following matters are adopted by the Shariah Adviser in determining the Shariah status of the Fund's investments.

### A. INVESTMENT

#### 1. Shariah-compliant Equities

The Fund will invest in listed equities based on a list of Shariah-compliant equities issued by the SAC of SC. For companies that have yet to be determined the Shariah status by the SAC of SC, the Shariah Adviser adopts the following analysis as a temporary measure in determining its Shariah status until the SAC of SC releases the Shariah status of the respective companies.

##### (1) Qualitative Analysis

In this analysis, the Shariah Adviser will look into aspects of general public perception of the companies' images, core businesses which are considered important and *maslahah* (beneficial) to the Muslim ummah (nation) and the country. The non-permissible elements are very small and involve matters like *umum balwa* (common plight and difficult to avoid), *'uruf* (custom) and rights of the non-Muslim community which are accepted under the Shariah.

##### (2) Quantitative Analysis

Companies which passed the above qualitative analysis will be further subjected to quantitative analysis. The Shariah Adviser deduces the following to ensure that the contribution of Shariah non-compliant businesses/activities to the overall revenue/sales/turnover/income and profit before tax of the companies are less than the following Shariah tolerable benchmarks:

###### (a) Business Activity Benchmarks

The contribution of Shariah non-compliant activities to the Group revenue and Group profit before taxation of the company will be computed and compared against the relevant business activity benchmarks as follows:

###### (i) The 5-per cent benchmark

The 5-per cent benchmark is applicable to the following businesses/activities:

- conventional banking and lending;
- conventional insurance;
- gambling;
- liquor and liquor-related activities;
- pork and pork-related activities;
- non-halal food and beverages;
- tobacco and tobacco-related activities;
- interest income\* from conventional accounts and instruments (including interest income awarded arising from a court judgement or arbitrator);
- dividends\* from Shariah non-compliant investments;
- Shariah non-compliant entertainment; and
- other activities deemed non-compliant according to Shariah principles as determined by the SAC of SC.

For the above-mentioned businesses/activities, the contribution of Shariah non-compliant businesses/activities to the Group revenue or Group profit before taxation of the company must be less than five per cent.

\* Interest income and dividends from Shariah non-compliant investments will be compared against the Group revenue. However, if the main activity of the company is holding of investments, the dividends from Shariah non-compliant investments will be compared against the Group revenue and Group profit before taxation.

**(ii) The 20-per cent benchmark**

The 20-per cent benchmark is applicable to the following businesses/activities:

- share trading;
- stockbroking business;
- rental received from Shariah non-compliant activities; and
- other activities deemed non-compliant according to Shariah principles as determined by the SAC of SC.

For the above-mentioned businesses/activities, the contribution of Shariah non-compliant businesses/activities to the Group revenue or Group profit before taxation of the company must be less than 20 per cent.

**(b) Financial Ratio Benchmarks**

The financial ratios applied are as follows:

i. Cash over total assets

Cash only includes cash placed in conventional accounts and instruments, whereas cash placed in Islamic accounts and instruments is excluded from the calculation.

ii. Debt over total assets

Debt only includes interest-bearing debt whereas Islamic financing or sukuk is excluded from the calculation.

Both ratios, which are intended to measure *riba'* and *riba'*-based elements within a company's statement of financial position, must be less than 33 per cent.

Should any of the above deductions fail to meet the benchmarks, the Shariah Adviser will not accord Shariah-compliant status for the companies.

**Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)**

The Shariah Adviser had considered the following criteria for a SPAC to be classified as Shariah compliant:

- (1) The proposed business activity should be Shariah-compliant;
- (2) The entire proceeds raised from the Initial Public Offering should be placed in an Islamic account; and
- (3) In the event that the proceeds are invested, the entire investment should be Shariah compliant.

Shariah-compliant securities include ordinary shares and warrants (issued by the companies themselves). This means that warrants are classified as Shariah-compliant securities provided the underlying shares are also Shariah-compliant.

**2. Shariah-compliant Equity-related Securities**

The Fund will invest in Shariah-compliant equity-related securities as approved by the Shariah Advisory Council of the SC or the Shariah Adviser.

**3. Investment in Islamic Deposits**

The Fund is prohibited from investing in interest-bearing deposits and recognizing any interest income.

#### **4. Islamic CIS**

The Fund may invest in domestic and foreign Islamic CIS. The domestic Islamic CIS must be authorised or approved by, or lodged with, by the SC. For the foreign Islamic CIS, it must be approved by the Shariah Adviser upon review of the necessary and relevant documentation.

#### **5. Islamic Money Market Instruments**

For investment in money market, the Fund may acquire any Islamic money market instruments based on the data available at:

- Bond Info Hub ([www.bondinfo.bnm.gov.my](http://www.bondinfo.bnm.gov.my))
- Fully Automated System for issuing/tendering (<https://fast.bnm.gov.my>)

The Fund may also invest into any other Islamic money market instruments deemed Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of BNM or the Shariah Adviser.

#### **6. Any Other Shariah-compliant Investments**

For avoidance of doubt, the documents relating to the Shariah liquidity management instrument should be submitted for prior approval by the Shariah Adviser. Where the Shariah Adviser request a change to the Shariah Investment Guidelines, it shall give the Manager a reasonable period of time to effect such change in the Prospectus in accordance with the requirements of any applicable law and regulation.

### **B. PURIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE FUND**

#### **1. Shariah Non-compliant Investments**

The Manager will immediately dispose of any Shariah non-compliant investment inadvertently made in the Fund. If the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant investment results in losses to the Fund, the losses are to be borne by the Manager by ensuring the loss portion is restored and returned to the Fund. The said investment will be disposed/withdrawn with immediate effect or within a period of not more than one month after becoming aware of the status of the investment. In the event that there are any capital gains or dividend received before or after the disposal of the investment, such gains will be channeled to *Baitulmal* and/or any other charitable bodies as advised by the Shariah Adviser. The Fund have the right to retain only the investment cost.

#### **2. Reclassification of Shariah status of the Fund's investments**

If a security is reclassified as Shariah non-compliant by the SAC of SC and/or any other relevant sources, as per the Shariah Adviser's advice, the said security shall be disposed of soonest practical, once the total amount of dividends received and the market value held exceed or equal the investment costs.

In this regard, if on the date an updated list/a review of Shariah-compliant securities takes effect, the respective market price of Shariah non-compliant securities exceeds or is equal to the investment cost, the Fund must dispose of such securities. Any dividends received up to the date of the announcement/review and capital gains arising from the disposal of Shariah non-compliant securities on the date of the announcement/review can be kept by the Fund. However, any dividends received and excess capital gain from the disposal of Shariah non-compliant securities after the date of the announcement/review should be channeled to *baitulmal* and/or charitable bodies as advised by the Shariah Adviser.

On the other hand, the Fund is allowed to hold their investment in the Shariah non-compliant securities if the market price of the said securities is below the investment cost. It is also permissible for the Fund to keep the dividends received during the holding period until such time when the total amount of dividends received and the market value of the Shariah non-compliant securities held equals the investment cost. At this stage, the Fund advised to dispose of their holding.

### **C. PAYMENT OF ZAKAT**

This refers to the purification by way of payment of zakat by Muslims. The Fund does not pay zakat on behalf of Muslim Unit Holders. Thus, Muslim Unit Holders are advised to pay zakat on their own.

**The Shariah Adviser confirms that the investment portfolio of the Fund comprises instruments which have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the SAC of SC and, where applicable the SAC of BNM. As for instruments which have not been classified as Shariah-compliant by the SAC of SC and, where applicable the SAC of BNM , the status of the instruments has been determined by the Shariah Adviser.**

## TRANSACTION INFORMATION

### BASES OF VALUATION OF THE ASSETS OF THE FUND

<b>Investment Instruments</b>	<b>Valuation Basis</b>
Shariah-compliant investment instruments that are listed and quoted on an exchange	<p>The official closing price or last known transacted price on the eligible market on which the investment is quoted.</p> <p>However, if the price is not representative for example during abnormal market conditions or not available to the market including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the investment instrument for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, the investment will be valued at fair value.</p>
Shariah-compliant investment instruments not listed or quoted on an exchange	At fair value as determined in good faith by the Manager.

## CALCULATION OF UNIT PRICES

### Valuation Point

Every Business Day is a Dealing Day of the Fund where the Fund is open for sale and repurchase of Units by the Manager. The Fund will be valued at least once every Business Day. Under normal market condition, the Fund will be valued at the end of every Business Day and the Manager will publish the NAV per unit on the Manager’s website at [www.arecacapital.com](http://www.arecacapital.com) following the valuation of the Fund.

### Single Pricing Policy

We adopt the single pricing policy to price the Units in relation to investment and Redemption of Units. This means that the selling of Units by the Manager (i.e. when you purchase Units and invest in the Fund) and repurchase of Units by the Manager (i.e. when you redeem your Units and liquidate your investments) will be carried out at NAV per Unit (the actual value of the Unit). The entry fee/exit fee (if any) would be computed separately based on your net investment/Redemption amount. The single price for investment and Redemption of Units shall be the daily NAV per Unit as at the next valuation point after the Manager receives the investment or Redemption application (i.e. forward pricing).

### How Is The NAV (actual value) Per Unit Calculated?

The Manager will calculate the NAV of the Fund at the end of the valuation point. The NAV is defined as the total value of the Fund’s investment, assets and properties less any liabilities or provisions. Where applicable, investment income, fees and other liabilities will be accrued daily in arriving at the NAV of the Fund. The NAV per Unit is then determined by dividing the NAV of the Fund by the number of Units in circulation at the valuation point rounded nearest to four (4) decimal places or as agreed between Manager and Trustee.

<b>Illustration 1: Computation of NAV</b>		<b>RM</b>
	Securities Investment	224,607,604.00
<b>Add:</b>	Assets	2,320,028.00
		226,927,632.00
<b>Less:</b>	Liabilities	210,751.00
	NAV before deducting annual management fee and annual trustee fee for the day	226,716,881.00
<b>Less:</b>	Annual management fee for the day (2.00% per annum)	12,422.84
<b>Less:</b>	Annual trustee fee for the day (0.06% per annum)	372.69
	<b>NAV</b>	<b>226,704,085.47</b>

### NAV per Unit

The NAV per Unit is then determined by dividing the NAV of the Fund by the number of Units in circulation at the valuation point. If the Units in circulation are 436,555,891 Units at the point of valuation, therefore:

<b>Illustration 2: Computation of NAV per Unit</b>	
NAV per Unit of the Fund	= NAV ÷ Units in Circulation
	= RM226,704,085.47 ÷ 436,555,891
	= RM0.5193

### Computation of Net Investment Amount and Units Entitlement

- For investors who make a lump sum payment inclusive of fees and any relevant taxes which may be imposed by government from time to time.

The net investment amount (excluding fees and taxes) is determined by dividing the lump sum payment (excluding bank charges) with a Charge Factor.

#### Charge Factor = 100% + Entry Fee in %

The number of Units invested is determined by dividing the net investment amount (excluding fee and taxes), with the NAV per Unit at the next valuation point after the Manager receives the investment application and rounded up to two (2) decimal places.

<b>Illustration 3A: Allocation of Units to Investor</b>	
Assuming you invest a lump sum of RM100,000 of gross investment amount with an entry fee of 2% and the NAV per Unit of the Fund is RM0.5193, therefore;	
	RM
Gross Investment amount	100,000.00
Divided by Charge Factor: 100% + (2%)	1.0200
Net Investment Amount	98,039.22
Divided by NAV per Unit	0.5193
Units credited to investor's account	188,791.10
Net Investment Amount	98,039.22
2% Entry Fee	1,960.78
Gross Investment Amount	100,000.00

- For investors who prefer an even (rounded) net investment amount

The number of Units invested is determined by dividing the net investment amount (excluding fee and taxes), with the NAV per Unit at the next valuation point after the Manager receives the investment application and rounded up to two (2) decimal places.

<b>Illustration 3B: Allocation of Units to Investor</b>	
Assuming you invest RM100,000 into the Fund, and the NAV per Unit of the Fund is RM0.5193, therefore;	
	RM
Net Investment amount	100,000.00
Add: Entry Fee of 2% (RM100,000 x 2%)	2,000.00
Total amount payable by investor	102,000.00
Net Investment Amount	100,000.00
Divided by NAV per Unit	0.5193
Units credited to investor's account	192,566.92

### Calculation of Redemption Value

The Redemption value is the number of Units to be liquidated multiplied by the NAV per Unit as at the next valuation point, after the Manager receives the Redemption request.



**Illustration 4: Calculation of Redemption proceeds paid to investor**

Assuming you request to redeem 20,000.00 Units of the Fund on 31 January 2022, and the NAV per Unit for the Business Day is RM0.5193, therefore;

Number of Units redeemed	20,000.00
Multiply by NAV per Unit	0.5193
<b>Net amount payable to investor</b>	<b>RM 10,386.00</b>

**Incorrect Valuation or Pricing**

The Manager will take immediate remedial action to rectify in the event of incorrect valuation or pricing. Where the incorrect valuation or pricing is at or above the threshold of 0.5% of the NAV per unit, rectification will be extended to the reimbursement of money–

- (a) by the Manager to the Fund;
- (b) from the Fund to the Manager; or
- (c) by the Manager to Unit Holders and former Unit Holders.

Notwithstanding the abovementioned, if the amount to be reimbursed to an individual account is less than RM10.00 in absolute amount, the requirement to reimburse does not apply.

**DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS**

The Fund is distributed through the Manager’s head office, branches and authorised distributors. Please refer to the directory on page 44 or call us at 03-7956 3111 for list of contacts.

**MAKING AN INVESTMENT**

If you are investing for the first time, you are required to complete the account opening documents. Individual or joint application must be accompanied by either a copy of the applicant’s identity card, passport or other identification.

Application by a corporation must be accompanied by a certified true copy of its memorandum and articles of association\*, certificate of incorporation\* (if applicable), form 24\*, form 44\*, form 49\*, board resolution relating to the investment and other related documents required by the Manager.

*\* or any other equivalent documentation issued by the authorities*

Existing investors who wish to purchase additional Units can complete the Additional Investments form.

**PAYMENT METHODS**

- Via telegraphic or online transfer.
- By a crossed cheque or banker’s cheque made payable to “**Areca Capital Sdn Bhd**”.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY FORM OF CASH PAYMENT (INCLUDING CASH DEPOSIT VIA CASH DEPOSIT MACHINE) AND PAYMENT MADE BY A THIRD PARTY.**

**INVESTOR MUST NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO ANY INDIVIDUAL AGENT WHEN PURCHASING UNITS OF THE FUND.**

## **ARECA CAPITAL SDN BHD AS IUTA**

The Manager is an IUTA to distribute third party unit trust funds. The Fund may invest into collective investment schemes ("CIS") distributed by the Manager. In such circumstances, the Manager will NOT receive any fees or benefit from the distribution of third party funds that the Fund invested. Any fees received resulting from the Fund's holding in third party CIS will be channelled to the Fund.

## **CROSS TRADE POLICY**

The Manager may undertake cross trades, i.e. sale and purchase transactions between funds or portfolios under the management of the Manager where the:-

- i. sale and purchase decisions are in the best interest of the investor;
- ii. reason for such transactions is documented prior to execution of the trades;
- iii. transactions are executed through a dealer or a financial institution on an arm's length and fair value basis;
- iv. the policies and procedures governing cross-trades have been approved by the investment committee of the Fund;  
and
- v. transactions will be reported to the Trustee and investment committee of the Fund.

## **SUSPENSION OF FUND**

We may, after consultation with the Trustee and having considered the interests of the Unit Holders, suspend the dealing of Units due to exceptional circumstances, where there is good and sufficient reason to do so having regard to the interests of the Unit Holders. In particular, the redemption of Units may be suspended or deferred due to unusual market conditions or where massive liquidation of assets is required.

Where a suspension of dealing of Units is triggered, the Manager will ensure that all Unit Holders are informed in a timely and appropriate manner of the decision to suspend dealing of Units of the Fund.

## **UNCLAIMED MONEYS POLICY**

The Manager will re-invest any moneys payable to Unit Holder in the Fund, if such money remains un-credited to the Unit Holder banking account after three (3) months from the date of payment. The unclaimed money shall exclude Redemption proceeds where it shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Unclaimed Moneys Act, 1965.

## **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Money laundering is a process intended to conceal the benefits derived from unlawful activities which are related, directly or indirectly, to any serious offence so that they appear to have originated from a legitimate source.

Under the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AMLA), any person who –

- a) engages, directly or indirectly, in a transaction that involves proceeds of an unlawful activity or instrumentalities of an offence;
- b) acquires, receives, possesses, disguises, transfers, converts, exchanges, carries, disposes of or uses proceeds of an unlawful activity or instrumentalities of an offence;
- c) removes from or brings into Malaysia, proceeds of an unlawful activity or instrumentalities of an offence; or
- d) conceals, disguises or impedes the establishment of the true nature, origin, location, movement, disposition, title of, rights with respect to, or ownership of, proceeds of an unlawful activity or instrumentalities of an offence,

commits a money laundering offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years and shall also be liable to a fine of not less than five (5) times the sum or value of the proceeds of an unlawful activity or instrumentalities of an offence at the time the offence was committed or five (5) million ringgit, whichever is the higher.

We have anti-money laundering policies in place where investors need to complete Customer Information form and the Manager will perform check on all investors without exception. New investors must provide their identification documents for our verification. No individual/ corporation shall be allowed to do business with the Manager if they fail to provide their identity and/or attempt to give a false name or records. If a potential customer refuses to produce any requested information or sales personnel does not feel comfortable or is suspicious with the information provided, the transaction will be terminated.

All cases of suspicious transactions must be reported by the relevant staff to the Compliance Manager. The Compliance Manager is to obtain relevant information from the relevant staff where applicable and evaluate the evidence and report matters relating to AMLA to the Board of Director. A suspicious transaction report will then be submitted to the Financial Intelligence and Enforcement Department of BNM as well as the SC.

## **THE MANAGER: ARECA CAPITAL SDN BHD**

Areca Capital Sdn Bhd was incorporated on 13 July 2006 under the Companies Act, 1965.

Areca is a licensed fund manager approved by the SC in February 2007. We are engaged in the business of managing, administering, marketing and distributing unit trust funds and managing and administering funds under private mandates and regulated activity of Financial Planning. We launched our 3 maiden funds in April 2007.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGER**

The Manager's principal duty is to manage and administer the Fund in a proper and efficient manner in accordance with the Deed, the Guidelines and relevant laws, acceptable and efficacious business practice within the unit trust industry and the internal controls and policies of the Manager. The Manager has covenanted in the Deed that it will exercise all due diligence and vigilance in carrying out its functions and duties, and in safeguarding the rights and interests of the Fund and Unit Holders.

## **ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Board of Directors of Areca Capital Sdn Bhd ("the Board")**

The Board plays an active part in the affairs of the Manager. The Board meets at least once every quarter to receive recommendations and reports on investment activities from the investment committee of the Fund and the senior representatives of the Manager.

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE FUND**

The investment committee is fully responsible for the Fund's investment policies and guidelines, and shall review and approve the investment strategies undertaken by the Manager. The investment committee meets every month or more frequently if required.

### **DESIGNATED FUND MANAGER**

Mr. Danny Wong Teck Meng is the designated fund manager responsible for the management of the Fund. He has more than 30 years of experience in stock broking, asset management and unit trusts.

### **LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION**

As at 31 January 2022, Areca Capital Sdn Bhd is not engaged in any material litigation and arbitration, including those pending or threatened, and is not aware of any fact likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect the business or financial position of Areca Capital Sdn Bhd.

**You may visit our website at [www.arecacapital.com](http://www.arecacapital.com) for further information on Areca Capital Sdn Bhd, investment committee, designated fund manager and the Shariah Adviser.**

## **THE TRUSTEE: MAYBANK TRUSTEES BERHAD**

Maybank Trustees Berhad (196301000109 (5004-P)) is the Trustee of the Fund with its registered office at 8th Floor, Menara Maybank, 100 Jalan Tun Perak, 50050 Kuala Lumpur.

Maybank Trustees Berhad ("MTB") was incorporated on 12 April 1963 and registered as a Trust Company under the Trust Companies Act 1949 on 11 November 1963. It was one of the first local trust companies to provide trustee services with the objective of meeting the financial needs of both individual and corporate clients.

### **EXPERIENCE IN TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

Maybank Trustees Berhad has acquired experience in the administration of unit trust funds/ schemes since 1991.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEE**

The Trustee's role is mainly to act as custodian of the Fund and to exercise all due diligence and vigilance in carrying out its functions and duties to safeguard the rights and interests of the Unit Holders. The Trustee is the legal owner of the assets in the Fund. The Trustee will exercise oversight functions over the operation and management of the Fund by the management company to safeguard the interests of the Unit Holders.

### **LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION**

As at 31 January 2022, save for the suit mentioned herein below, the Trustee is not engaged in any material litigation as plaintiff or defendant and the Trustee is not aware of any proceedings, pending or threatened or of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially and adversely affect its financial position or business.

Several holders of the bonds ("Bondholders") issued by Aldwich Berhad [In Receivership] ("Aldwich") had sued Aldwich for its failure to settle its indebtedness to the Bondholders following the default of the said bonds in 2010 and named the Trustee as one of the 6 co-defendants under Kuala Lumpur High Court Civil Suit No. D-22NCC-1622-11/2012 ("Aldwich Bondholders' Suit"). The claim against the Trustee was for the sum of RM177,248,747.31 or any other sum that the Court deems fit and proper. The other co-defendants are the holding company of Aldwich ("Holding Company"), the Chief Executive Officer of the holding company of Aldwich ("CEO"), the Security Agent and the Reporting Accountant. The Trustee denied all allegations and claimed trial.

The High Court had on 24 July 2017 delivered its judgement on the Aldwich Bondholders' Suit ("Judgement") that (a) all the defendants [i.e. Aldwich, Holding Company, CEO, Security Agent, Trustee and Reporting Accountant] are liable to the Bondholders for the sum of RM177,248,747.31 ("Judgement Sum"); (b) Aldwich, Holding Company and CEO are 100% liable for the Judgement Sum; and (c) among the Security Agent, Trustee and Reporting Accountant, liability is apportioned in the proportion of 50%, 30% and 20% of the Judgement Sum respectively.

The High Court had on 5 October 2017 decided in respect of the outstanding matters arising from the Judgement that (a) the quantum of the Judgement Sum is maintained, and (b) interest is payable based on the reduced sum of RM148,653,953.20 at the rate of 5% per annum from 1 November 2011 to the date of payment.

The Trustee filed an appeal against the Judgement ("Appeal") at the Court of Appeal. On 18 September 2019, the Court of Appeal dismissed the Appeal and affirmed the decision of the High Court.

On 16 October 2019, the Trustee had filed its Leave Motion to the Federal Court. The Leave Motion was partially heard on 21 January 2021 and 3 September 2021, and is scheduled for continued hearing on 16 February 2022.

## **THE SHARIAH ADVISER: AMANIE ADVISORS SDN BHD**

### **EXPERIENCE IN SHARIAH ADVISORY BUSINESS**

Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd ("Amanie") is a Shariah advisory, consultancy, training and research and development boutique for institutional and corporate clientele focusing on Islamic financial services. Amanie is a registered Shariah adviser with the SC. It has been established with the aim of addressing the global needs for experts' and Shariah scholars' pro-active input. This will ultimately allow the players in the industry to manage and achieve their business and financial goals in accordance with the Shariah principles. Amanie also focuses on organizational aspect of the development of human capital in Islamic finance worldwide through providing updated quality learning embracing both local and global issues on Islamic financial products and services.

The company is led by Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar and teamed by an active and established panel of consultants covering every aspect related to the Islamic banking and finance industry both in Malaysia and the global market. Currently the team comprises of eight (8) full-time consultants who represent dynamic and experienced professionals with a mixture of corporate finance, accounting, product development, Shariah law and education. As at LPD, Amanie has acquired over fifteen (15) years of experience in the advisory role of unit trusts with more than 100 funds which Amanie acts as Shariah adviser.

Amanie meets every quarter to address Shariah advisory matters pertaining to its Shariah funds.

The Shariah Adviser is independent from the Manager and none of its consultants are members of the investment committee of the Fund or any other funds managed by the Manager.

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AMANIE**

As Shariah adviser for the Fund, the role of Amanie is to ensure that the investment operation and management of the Fund is in compliance with Shariah requirements. Amanie will review the Fund's investments on a monthly basis to ensure Shariah compliance and it also reviews the semi-annual and annual reports of the Fund.

Notwithstanding the role played by the Shariah Adviser, the ultimate responsibility for ensuring Shariah compliance of the Fund in all aspects of operation and management rests solely with the Manager.

In line with the SC Guidelines, the roles of Amanie as the Shariah adviser are:

- (i) To ensure that the Fund is managed and administered in accordance with Shariah principles.
- (ii) The Shariah Adviser will meet with the Manager once every quarter to discuss Shariah matters relating to the Fund;
- (iii) To provide expertise and guidance in all matters relating to Shariah principles, including the Deed and the Prospectus, its structure and investment process, and other operational and administrative matters;
- (iv) To consult with SC where there is any ambiguity or uncertainty as to an investment, instrument, system, procedure and/or process;
- (v) To act with due care, skill and diligence in carrying out its duties and responsibilities;
- (vi) To be responsible for scrutinizing the Fund's compliance report as provided by the compliance officer and investment transaction report provided by, or duly approved by, the Trustee to ensure that the Fund's investments are in line with Shariah principles; and
- (vii) To prepare a report to be included in the Fund's semi-annual and annual reports certifying whether the Fund has been managed and administered in accordance with Shariah principles for the period concerned.

### **DESIGNATED PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR SHARIAH MATTERS OF THE FUND**

**TAN SRI DR MOHD DAUD BAKAR**  
SHARIAH ADVISER/EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Amanie Group. One of its flagship companies namely Amanie Advisors, is operating in a few cities globally. He serves as the Chairman of the Shariah Advisory Council (SAC) at the Central Bank of Malaysia, the Securities Commission of Malaysia, the Labuan Financial Services Authority, the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), Kazakhstan, the First Abu Dhabi Bank (UAE), and Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB).

Tan Sri Dr Daud is also a Shariah board member of various global financial institutions, including the National Bank of Oman (Oman), Amundi Asset Management (France), Bank of London and Middle East (London), BNP Paribas Najma (Bahrain), Natixis Bank (Dubai), Morgan Stanley (Dubai), Sedco Capital (Saudi and Luxembourg) and Dow Jones Islamic Market Index (New York) amongst many others.

Currently, Tan Sri serves as the Chairman of Federal Territory Islamic Religious Department [Majlis Agama Islam Persekutuan (MAIWP)]. In the corporate world, he is currently a member of the PNB Investment Committee. Previously, he served as a Board Director at Sime Darby Property Berhad and Chairman to Malaysia Islamic Economic Development Foundation (YaPEIM). In addition, he is the cofounder of Experts Analytics Centre Sdn Bhd and MyFinB Sdn. Bhd. He also serves as the Chairman of Berry Pay Sdn. Bhd., Data Sukan Consulting Sdn. Bhd., Bio Fluid Sdn. Bhd., KAB Gold Dynamics Sdn. Bhd., Bio-Angle Vacs Sdn. Bhd., Tulus Digital Sdn. Bhd., and Amanie-Afra Halal Capital Co (Bangkok). He is currently the 8th President of the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM).

In 2014, he received the "Most Outstanding Individual" award by His Majesty, the King of Malaysia, in conjunction with the national-level Prophet Muhammad's birthday. Under his leadership, Amanie Advisors received the "Islamic Economy Knowledge Infrastructure Award" at the Global Islamic Economy Summit, Dubai 2015, by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Oct 2015. On 13 November 2021, he was conferred the Darjah Kebesaran Panglima Setia Mahkota (P.S.M.) which carries the title of "Tan Sri".

He received his first degree in Shariah from University of Kuwait in 1988 and obtained his PhD from University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom in 1993. In 2002, he completed his external Bachelor of Jurisprudence at University of Malaya.

Tan Sri's first book entitled "Shariah Minds in Islamic Finance: An Inside Story of A Shariah Scholar" has won the "Islamic Finance Book of the Year 2016" by the Global Islamic Finance Award (GIFA) 2016. Then, his book on sukuk entitled "An Insightful Journey to Emirates Airline Sukuk: Pushing The Boundaries of Islamic Finance" has also won the "Best Islamic Finance Case 2017" by the GIFA 2017 in Kazakhstan. To date, Tan Sri has been authoring 28 books with different genre.

## **SUHaida MAHPOT**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Suhaida Mahpot is the Chief Executive Officer for Amanie Advisors in Kuala Lumpur office. She holds a Bachelor of Economics (Islamic Economic & Finance) from International Islamic University Malaysia and a professional certificate of Certified Shariah Advisor and Auditor (CSAA) of AAOIFI.

She joined Amanie in 2008 and was amongst the pioneers in the company. She is a specialist in sukuk advisory and has been advising numerous sukuk locally and internationally. One of the sukuk advised by her together with Tan Sri Dr Mohd Daud Bakar has been awarded as Best Securitisation Sukuk at The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Award (2020). Apart from sukuk advisory, her primarily focus is on Shariah governance, structuring, enhancement and conversion exercises, establishment of Islamic financial entities as well as development of Islamic products. Her career in banking & financial industry started as a trainee under Capital Market Graduated Trainee Scheme organized by the SC.

Prior to joining Amanie, she worked with Affin Investment Bank Bhd since 2006 as an executive for debt & capital markets department. She completed various project financing deals using private debt securities instruments ranging from infrastructure & utilities, real estate, plantation and many others.

## **SALIENT TERM OF THE DEED**

### **UNIT HOLDERS' RIGHTS & LIABILITIES**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOU INVEST IN UNITS THROUGH AN IUTA WHICH ADOPTS THE NOMINEE SYSTEM OF OWNERSHIP, YOU WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A UNIT HOLDER UNDER THE DEED AND YOU MAY CONSEQUENTLY NOT HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS ORDINARILY EXERCISABLE BY A UNIT HOLDER (FOR EXAMPLE, THE RIGHT TO CALL FOR A UNIT HOLDERS' MEETING AND TO VOTE THERE AT AND THE RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR PARTICULARS APPEARING IN THE REGISTER OF UNIT HOLDERS OF THE FUND).

#### **Rights**

As a Unit Holder of the Fund, and subject to the provisions of the Deed, you have the right to:

- receive distributions of income, if any;
- participate in any increase in the value of the Units;
- call for Unit Holders' meetings and to vote for the removal of the Trustee or the Manager through a Special Resolution;
- receive monthly statements, semi-annual and annual reports on the Fund;
- exercise such other rights and privileges as provided for in the Deed.

No Unit Holder shall be entitled to require the transfer to him of any of the assets of the Fund or be entitled to interfere with or question the exercise by the Trustee, or the Manager on its behalf, of the rights of the Trustee as the registered owner of such assets.

#### **Liabilities**

- No Unit Holder is liable for any amount in excess of the purchase price paid for the Units as determined pursuant to the Deed at the time the Units were purchased.
- A Unit Holder shall not be under any obligation to indemnify the Manager and/or the Trustee in the event that the liabilities incurred by the Manager and/or the Trustee in the name of or on behalf of the Fund pursuant to and/or in the performance of the provisions of the Deed exceed the value of the assets of the Fund, and any right of indemnity of the Manager and/or the Trustee shall be limited to recourse to the Fund.

### **UNIT HOLDERS' MEETING**

#### **Unit Holders' meeting requested by Unit Holders**

Unless otherwise required or allowed by the relevant laws, the Manager shall, within twenty-one (21) days of receiving a direction from not less than fifty (50) or one-tenth (1/10) of all the Unit Holders whichever is less, summon a meeting of the Unit Holders by:

- (a) sending by post to each Unit Holder at his last known address or, in the case of Jointholders, to the Jointholder whose name stands first in the records of the Manager to the Jointholder's last known address at least seven (7) days before the date of the proposed meeting a notice of the proposed meeting to all the Unit Holders;
- (b) publishing at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the proposed meeting an advertisement giving notice of the proposed meeting in a national language newspaper published daily and another newspaper approved by the relevant authorities; and
- (c) specifying in the notice the place and time of the meeting and the terms of the resolutions to be proposed at the meeting.



The Unit Holders may direct the Manager to summon a meeting for any purpose including, without limitation, for the purpose of:

- (a) requiring the retirement or removal of the Manager;
- (b) requiring the retirement or removal of the Trustee;
- (c) considering the most recent financial statements of the Fund;
- (d) giving to the Trustee such directions as the meeting thinks proper; or
- (e) considering any matter in relation to the Deed,

provided always that the Manager shall not be obliged to summon such a meeting unless a direction has been received from not less than fifty (50) or one-tenth (1/10) of all the Unit Holders, whichever is the lesser number.

▪ **Unit Holders meeting summoned by the Manager**

The Manager may for any purpose whatsoever summon a meeting of the Unit Holders by giving at least fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting to Unit Holders; and specifying in the notice the place and time of the meeting and the terms of the resolutions to be proposed at the meeting.

▪ **Unit Holders meeting summoned by the Trustee**

Unless otherwise required or allowed by the relevant laws, a meeting of the Unit Holders summoned by the Trustee where:

- a) the Manager is in liquidation,
- b) in the opinion of the Trustee, the Manager has ceased to carry on business, or
- c) in the opinion of the Trustee, the Manager has, to the prejudice of Unit Holders, failed to comply with the Deed or contravened any of the provisions of the CMSA,

**shall be summoned by:**

- a) sending by post at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the proposed meeting a notice of the proposed meeting to each of the Unit Holders at the Unit Holder's last known address or, in the case of Jointholders, to the Jointholder whose name stands first in the records of the Manager at the Jointholder's last known address; and
- b) publishing at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the proposed meeting an advertisement giving notice of the meeting in a national language newspaper published daily and another newspaper approved by the relevant authorities.

Unless otherwise required or allowed by the relevant laws, the Trustee may also summon a Unit Holders' meeting by giving at least fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting to Unit Holder specifying in the notice the place and time of the meeting and the terms of the resolutions to be proposed at the meeting, for any purpose including, without limitation, for the purpose of:

- a) requiring the retirement or removal of the Manager;
- b) giving instructions to the Trustee or the Manager if the Trustee considers that the investment management policies of the Manager are not in the interests of Unit Holders;
- c) securing the agreement of the Unit Holders to release the Trustee from any liability;
- d) deciding on the next course of action after the Trustee has suspended the sale and Redemption of Units; and
- e) deciding on the reasonableness of the annual management fee charged to the Fund.

## **THE MAXIMUM FEES AND CHARGES PERMITTED BY THE DEED**

The maximum rates of entry fee and exit fee for the Fund as stipulated in the Deed are:

- **Sales Charge (Entry Fee)**

The maximum rate of entry fees is 4% of the net investment amount.

- **Repurchase Charge (Exit Fee)**

Nil.

The maximum rates of management fee and trustee fee for the Fund as stipulated in the Deed are:

- **Management fee**

The maximum rate of the annual management fee is 2.00% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.

- **Trustee fee**

The maximum rate of the annual trustee fee for the Fund is 0.06% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM6,000 per annum.

## **PROCEDURE ON INCREASE IN FEES AND CHARGES FROM THE LEVEL DISCLOSED IN THE PROSPECTUS**

- **Entry Fee**

A higher entry fee than that disclosed in the Prospectus may only be imposed if:

- a) the Manager has notified the Trustee in writing of the higher fee and the effective date for the higher fee;
- b) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus in respect of the Fund setting out the higher fee is registered, lodged and issued; and
- c) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law has elapsed since the effective date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

- **Exit Fee**

A higher exit fee than that disclosed in the Prospectus may only be imposed if:

- a) the Manager has notified the Trustee in writing of the higher fee and the effective date for the higher fee;
- b) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus in respect of the Fund setting out the higher fee is registered, lodged and issued; and
- c) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law has elapsed since the effective date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

- **Annual Management Fee**

The Manager may not charge an annual management fee at a rate higher than that disclosed in the Prospectus unless:

- a) the Manager has come to an agreement with the Trustee on the higher rate;
- b) the Manager has notified the Unit Holders of the higher rate and the date on which such higher rate is to become effective, such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the notice is sent;
- c) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus stating the higher rate is registered, lodged and issued thereafter; and
- d) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

▪ **Annual Trustee Fee**

The Trustee may not charge an annual trustee fee at a rate higher than that disclosed in the Prospectus unless:

- a) the Manager has come to an agreement with the Trustee on the higher rate;
- b) the Manager has notified the Unit Holders of the higher rate and the date on which such higher rate is to become effective, such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the notice is sent;
- c) a supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus stating the higher rate is registered, lodged and issued thereafter; and
- d) such time as may be prescribed by any relevant law shall have elapsed since the date of the supplemental prospectus or replacement prospectus.

**PROCEDURE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM RATE OF FEES AND CHARGES PROVIDED IN THE DEED**

The maximum sales charge or entry fee, exit fee, annual management fee or annual trustee fee set out in the Deed can only be increased if a Unit Holders' meeting has been held in accordance with the Deed. Thereafter, a supplemental deed proposing a modification to the Deed to increase the aforesaid maximum fees and charges is required to be submitted for registration with the SC accompanied by a resolution of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all Unit Holders present and voting at the Unit Holders' meeting sanctioning the proposed modification to the Deed.

**PERMITTED EXPENSES PAYABLE OUT OF THE FUND'S PROPERTY**

Only the expenses (or part thereof) which are directly related and necessary in operating and administering the Fund may be charged to the Fund. These would include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a) commissions or fees paid to brokers or dealers in effecting dealings in the Shariah-compliant investments of the Fund, shown on the contract notes or confirmation notes;
- b) taxes and other duties charged on the Fund by the government and/or other authorities;
- c) costs, fees and expenses properly incurred by the auditor;
- d) fees incurred for the valuation of any Shariah-compliant investment of the Fund;
- e) costs, fees and expenses incurred for any modification of the Deed save where such modification is for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee;
- f) costs, fees and expenses incurred for any meeting of the Unit Holders save where such meeting is convened for the benefit of the Manager and/or the Trustee;
- g) costs, commissions, fees and expenses of the sale, purchase, takaful and any other dealing of any Shariah-compliant asset of the Fund;
- h) costs, fees and expenses incurred in engaging any specialist approved by the Trustee for investigating or evaluating any proposed Shariah-compliant investment of the Fund;
- i) costs, fees and expenses incurred in engaging any adviser for the benefit of the Fund;
- j) costs, fees and expenses incurred in the preparation and audit of the taxation, returns and accounts of the Fund;
- k) costs, fees and expenses incurred in the termination of the Fund or the removal of the Trustee or the Manager and the appointment of a new Trustee or management company;
- l) costs, fees and expenses incurred in relation to any arbitration or other proceedings concerning the Fund or any Shariah-compliant asset of the Fund, including proceedings against the Trustee or the Manager by the other for the benefit of the Fund (save to the extent that legal costs incurred for the defence of either of them are not ordered by the court to be reimbursed by the Fund);

- m) costs, fees and expenses deemed by the Manager to have been incurred in connection with any change or the need to comply with any change or introduction of any law, regulation or requirement (whether or not having the force of law) of any governmental or regulatory authority;
- n) remuneration and out of pocket expenses of the person undertaking the oversight function of the Fund, unless the Manager decides otherwise;
- o) costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the printing and postage for the annual and semi-annual reports, tax certificates, reinvestment statements and other services associated with the administration of the Fund;
- p) where the custodial function is delegated by the Trustee, charges and fees paid to sub-custodians taking into custody any foreign assets of the Fund;
- q) costs and expenses incurred in relation to the distribution of income (if any);
- r) fees in relation to fund accounting; and
- s) any tax now or hereafter imposed by law or required to be paid in connection with any costs, fees and expenses incurred under sub-paragraphs (a) to (r) above.

#### **RETIREMENT, REMOVAL OR REPLACEMENT OF THE MANAGER**

The Manager may retire upon giving 3 months' notice in writing to the Trustee of its desire to do so, or such other period as the Manager and the Trustee may agree upon, and may by Deed appoint in its stead and assign and transfer to the new manager all its rights and duties as management company of the Fund.

Subject to the provisions of any relevant law, the Trustee shall take all reasonable steps to remove the Manager:

- a) if the Manager has failed or neglected to carry out its duties to the satisfaction of the Trustee and the Trustee considers that it would be in the interests of Unit Holders for it to do so after the Trustee has given notice to it of that opinion and the reasons for that opinion, and has considered any representations made by the Manager in respect of that opinion, and after consultation with the relevant authorities and with the approval of the Unit Holders by way of a Special Resolution;
- b) unless expressly directed otherwise by the relevant authorities, if the Manager is in breach of any of its obligations or duties under the Deed or the relevant laws, or has ceased to be eligible to be a management company under the relevant laws; or
- c) if the Manager has gone into liquidation, except for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction or some similar purpose, or has had a receiver appointed or has ceased to carry on business;

The Manager shall upon receipt of a written notice from the Trustee cease to be the management company of the Fund by the mere fact of the Manager's receipt of the notice. The Trustee shall, at the same time, by writing appoint some other corporation already approved by the relevant authorities to be the management company of the Fund; such corporation shall have entered into such deed or deeds as the Trustee may consider to be necessary or desirable to secure the due performance of its duties as management company for the Fund.

#### **RETIREMENT, REMOVAL OR REPLACEMENT OF THE TRUSTEE**

The Trustee may retire upon giving 3 months' notice in writing to the Manager of its desire to do so, or such other period as the Manager and the Trustee shall agree; and may by deed appoint in its stead a new trustee acceptable to the Manager and approved by the relevant authorities to be the new trustee of the Fund.

The Trustee may be removed and such corporation may be appointed as the replacement trustee by Special Resolution of the Unit Holders at a duly convened meeting of which notice has been given to the Unit Holders in accordance with the Deed.

The Manager shall take all reasonable steps to replace the Trustee as soon as practicable after becoming aware that:

- The Trustee has ceased to exist;
- The Trustee has not been validly appointed;
- The Trustee was not eligible to be appointed or to act as trustee under any relevant law;
- The Trustee has failed or refused to act as trustee in accordance with the provisions or covenants of the Deed or any relevant law;
- A receiver has been appointed over the whole or a substantial part of the assets or undertaking of the Trustee and has not ceased to act under that appointment;
- a petition has been presented for the winding up of the existing Trustee (other than for the purpose of and followed by a reconstruction, unless during or following such reconstruction, the Trustee becomes or is declared to be insolvent); or
- The Trustee is under investigation for conduct that contravenes the Trust Companies Act 1949, the Trustee Act 1949, the Companies Act 2016 or any relevant law.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE FUND**

The Fund may be terminated or wound up upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- The SC has withdrawn the authorisation of the Fund pursuant to Section 256E of the CMSA;
- A Special Resolution is passed at a Unit Holders' meeting to terminate or wind up the Fund, following occurrence of events stipulated under section 301(1) of the CMSA and the court confirmed the resolution, as required under section 301(2) of the CMSA;
- A Special Resolution is passed at a Unit Holders' meeting to terminate or wind up the Fund.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the Manager may also, in its absolute discretion and without having to obtain the prior consent of the Unit Holders, terminate and wind up the Fund if the Manager and the Trustee agree that it is no longer economical and to the best interests of the Unit Holders for the Manager to continue managing the Fund.

Upon the termination of the trust hereby created, the Trustee shall:

- a) sell all the assets of the Fund then remaining in its hands and pay out of the Fund any liabilities of the Fund; such sale and payment shall be carried out and completed in such manner and within such period as the Trustee considers to be in the best interests of the Unit Holders; and
- b) from time to time distribute to the Unit Holders, in proportion to the number of Units held by them respectively:
  - i. the net cash proceeds available for the purpose of such distribution and derived from the sale of the investments and assets of the Fund less any payments for liabilities of the Fund; and
  - ii. any available cash produce;

provided always that the Trustee shall not be bound, except in the case of final distribution, to distribute any of the moneys for the time being in his hands the amount of which is insufficient for payment to the Unit Holders of Ringgit Malaysia Fifty sen (RM0.50) in respect of the total Units held by the Unit Holders and provided also that the Trustee shall be entitled to retain out of any such moneys in his hands full provision for all costs, charges, taxes, expenses, claims and demands incurred, made or anticipated by the Trustee in connection with or arising out of the winding-up of the Fund and, out of the moneys so retained, to be indemnified against any such costs, charges, taxes, expenses, claims

and demands; each of such distribution shall be made only against the production of such evidence as the Trustee may require of the title of the Unit Holder relating to the Units in respect of which the distribution is made.

In the event of the trust hereby created being terminated, the Trustee shall be at liberty to call upon the Manager to grant the Trustee, and the Manager shall so grant, a full and complete release from the Deed and the Manager or the Trustee shall notify the Unit Holders and the relevant authorities in such manner as may be prescribed by any relevant law.

#### **TERMINATION OF TRUST BY THE TRUSTEE**

In any of the following events:

- if the Manager has gone into liquidation, except for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee and the relevant authorities;
- if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the Manager has ceased to carry on business; or
- if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the Manager has to the prejudice of Unit Holders failed to comply with the provisions of the Deed or contravened any of the provisions of any relevant law.

The Trustee shall summon a meeting of Unit Holders for the purpose of seeking directions from the Unit Holders.

If at any such meeting a Special Resolution to terminate the trust in respect to the Fund and to wind-up the Fund is passed by the Unit Holders, the Trustee shall apply to the court for an order confirming such Special Resolution.

## **RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTION AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **Areca Capital Sdn Bhd**

We have in place policies and procedure to deal with any conflict of interest situations. All transactions with related parties are executed on terms that are best available to the Fund and which are no less favourable than arm's length transaction between independent parties.

Our directors or any employees may invest in the Fund managed or distributed by us. Trading in securities by our employees is allowed, provided that policies and procedures in respect of the personal account dealing are observed. An annual declaration of securities trading is required from all directors and employees to ensure there is no potential conflict of interest.

### **Maybank Trustees Berhad**

As trustee for the Fund, there may be related party transaction involving or in connection with the Fund in the following events: -

1. Where the Fund is being distributed by the related party of the Trustee as IUTA;
2. Where the assets of the Fund are being custodised by the related party of the Trustee both as sub-custodian and/or global custodian of the Fund (Trustee's delegate); and
3. Where the Fund obtains financing as permitted under the Guidelines, from the related party of the Trustee.

The Trustee has in place policies and procedures to deal with any conflict of interest situation. The Trustee will not make improper use of its position as the owner of the Fund's assets to gain, directly or indirectly, any advantage or cause detriment to the interests of Unit Holders. Any related party transaction is to be made on terms which are best available to the Fund and which are no less favorable to the Fund than an arm's length transaction between independent parties.

Subject to any local regulations, the Trustee and/or its related group of companies may deal with each other, the Fund or any Unit Holder or enter into any contract or transaction with each other, the Fund or any Unit Holder or retain for its own benefit any profits or benefits derived from any such contract or transaction or act in the same or similar capacity in relation to any other scheme.

## TAXATION ADVISER'S LETTER

### TAXATION ADVISER'S LETTER ON TAXATION OF THE FUND AND UNIT HOLDERS (Prepared for inclusion in this Prospectus)

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#### **Taxation of Areca Islamic equity TRUST Fund and Unit Holders**

Dear Sirs,

This letter has been prepared for inclusion in the Prospectus ("hereinafter referred to as "the Prospectus") in connection with the offer of Units in Areca Islamic equity TRUST Fund ("the Fund").

The taxation of income for both the Fund and the Unit holders are subject to the provisions of the Malaysian Income Tax Act 1967 ("the Act"). The applicable provisions are contained in Section 61 of the Act, which deals specifically with the taxation of trust bodies in Malaysia.

#### **TAXATION OF THE FUND**

The Fund will be regarded as resident for Malaysian tax purposes since the Trustee of the Fund is resident in Malaysia.

##### **(1) Domestic Investments**

###### **(i) General Taxation**

Subject to certain exemptions, the income of the Fund consisting of dividends or interest or profit<sup>1</sup> (other than interest or profit<sup>1</sup> which is exempt from tax) and other investment income derived from or accruing in Malaysia, after deducting tax allowable expenses, is liable to Malaysian income tax at the rate of 24 per cent.

Gains on disposal of investments in Malaysia by the Fund will not be subject to Malaysian income tax.

###### **(ii) Dividends and Other Exempt Income**

Effective 1 January 2014, all companies would adopt the single-tier system. Hence, dividends received would be exempted from tax and the deductibility of expenses incurred against such dividend income would be disregarded. There will no longer be any tax refund available for single-tier dividends received. Dividends received from companies under the single-tier system would be exempted.

The Fund may receive Malaysian dividends which are tax exempt. The exempt dividends may be received from investments in companies which had previously enjoyed or are currently enjoying the various tax incentives provided under the law. The Fund will not be taxable on such exempt income.

Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> or discount income derived from the following investments is exempt from tax:

(a) Securities or bonds issued or guaranteed by the government of Malaysia;

<sup>1</sup> Under section 2(7) of the Income Tax Act 1967, any reference to interest shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to gains or profits received and expenses incurred, in lieu of interest, in transactions conducted in accordance with the principles of Syariah.

The effect of this is that any gains or profits received and expenses incurred, in lieu of interest, in transactions conducted in accordance with the principles of Shariah, will be accorded the same tax treatment as if they were interest.



- (b) Debenture<sup>2</sup> other than convertible loan stocks, approved or authorized by, or lodged with, the Securities Commission Malaysia; and
- (c) Bon Simpanan Malaysia issued by Bank Negara Malaysia.

Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> derived from the following investments is exempt from tax:

- (a) Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited by any bank or financial institution licensed under the Financial Services Act 2013 and Islamic Financial Services Act 2013;
- (b) Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited by any development financial institution regulated under the Development Financial Institutions Act 2002;
- (c) Bonds, other than convertible loan stocks, paid or credited by any company listed in Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ACE Market; and
- (d) Interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited by Malaysia Building Society Berhad<sup>3</sup>.

The interest or profit<sup>1</sup> or discount income exempted from tax at the Fund's level will also be exempted from tax upon distribution to the Unit holders.

Exception: -

- i. Wholesale money market fund

With effect from 1 January 2019, the exemption shall not apply to interest or profit<sup>1</sup> paid or credited to a unit trust that is a wholesale money market fund.

- ii. Retail money market fund ("RMMF")

Based on the Finance Bill which was released on 9 November 2021, the interest income or profit<sup>1</sup> of a RMMF will remain tax exempted under Paragraph 35A, Schedule 6 of the Act. However, resident and non-resident unit holders (other than individual unit holders), who receive income distributed from interest or profit<sup>1</sup> income of the RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6, will be subject to withholding tax ("WHT") at the rate of 24 per cent. This new WHT will be effective from 1 January 2022 onwards.

The WHT is to be withheld and remitted by the RMMF to the tax authorities within 30 days upon distribution of the income to the unit holders.

## **(2) Foreign Investments**

Income of the Fund in respect of overseas investment is exempt from Malaysian tax by virtue of Paragraph 28 of Schedule 6 of the Act and distributions from such income will be tax exempt in the hands of the Unit holders. Such income from foreign investments may be subject to taxes or withholding taxes in the specific foreign country. However, any foreign tax suffered on the income in respect of overseas investment is not tax refundable to the Fund in Malaysia.

The foreign income exempted from Malaysian tax at the Fund level will also be exempted from tax upon distribution to the Unit holders.

### Proposed amendments in Finance Bill 2021

It is proposed that with effect from 1 January 2022, the exemption of foreign-sourced income received in Malaysia is only applicable to a person who is a non-resident. This means that foreign-sourced income (e.g. dividends, interest, etc.) of a resident Fund which is received in Malaysia will be subject to tax. There will be a transitional period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 where foreign-sourced income remitted to Malaysia will be taxed at the rate of 3% on gross income. From 1 July 2022 onwards, any foreign-sourced income remitted to Malaysia will be subject to Malaysian income tax at the rate of 24 per cent for a resident Fund.

Such income from foreign investments may be subject to taxes or withholding taxes in the specific foreign country. However, the Fund in Malaysia is entitled for double taxation relief on any foreign tax suffered on the income in respect of overseas investment.

Gains on disposal of foreign investments by the Fund will not be subject to Malaysian income tax.

The foreign income subjected to Malaysian tax at the Fund level will also be taxable upon distribution to the Unit holders. However, the income distribution from the Fund will carry a tax credit in respect of the Malaysian tax paid by the Fund. Unit holders will be entitled to utilise the tax credit against the tax payable on the income distribution received by them.

## **(3) Hedging Instruments**

The tax treatment of hedging instruments would depend on the particular hedging instruments entered into.

Generally, any gain / loss relating to the principal portion will be treated as capital gain / loss. Gains / losses relating to the income portion would normally be treated as revenue gains / losses. The gain / loss on revaluation will only be taxed

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<sup>2</sup> Structured products approved by the Securities Commission Malaysia are deemed to be "debenture" under the Capital Markets and Services Act, 2007 and fall within the scope of exemption.

<sup>3</sup> Exemption granted through letters from Ministry of Finance Malaysia dated 11 June 2015 and 16 June 2015 and it is with effect year of assessment ("YA") 2015.

or claimed upon realisation. Any gain / loss on foreign exchange is treated as capital gain / loss if it arises from the revaluation of the principal portion of the investment.

#### **(4) Tax Deductible Expenses**

Expenses wholly and exclusively incurred in the production of gross income are allowable as deductions under Section 33(1) of the Act. In addition, Section 63B of the Act provides for tax deduction in respect of managers' remuneration, expenses on maintenance of the register of Unit Holders, share registration expenses, secretarial, audit and accounting fees, telephone charges, printing and stationery costs and postages based on a formula subject to a minimum of 10 per cent and a maximum of 25 per cent of the expenses.

#### **(5) Real Property Gains Tax ("RPGT")**

With effect from 1 January 2019, any gains on disposal of real properties or shares in real property companies<sup>4</sup> ("chargeable asset") would be subject to RPGT as follows:-

<b>Disposal time frame</b>	<b>RPGT rates (Companies incorporated in Malaysia and Trustee of a trust)</b>
Within 3 years	30%
In the 4th year	20%
In the 5th year	15%
In the 6th year and subsequent years	10%

#### **(6) Sales and Service Tax ("SST")**

Effective from 1 September 2018, SST has been reintroduced to replace the Goods and Services Tax ("GST"). Both the Sales Tax Act 2018 and Services Tax Act 2018 have been gazetted on 28 August 2018. The rates for sales tax are nil, 5 per cent, 10 per cent or a specific rate whereas the rate for service tax is at 6 per cent.

Sales tax will be chargeable on taxable goods manufactured in or imported into Malaysia, unless specifically exempted by the Minister. Whereas, only specific taxable services provided by specific taxable persons will be subject to service tax. Sales tax and service tax are single stage taxes. As such, SST incurred would generally form an irrecoverable cost to the business.

In general, the Fund, being collective investment vehicle, will not be caught under the service tax regime.

Certain brokerage, professional, consultancy or management services obtained by the Fund may be subject to service tax at 6 percent. However, fund management services and trust services are excluded from service tax. With effect from 1 January 2019, service tax will apply to any taxable service that is acquired by any business in Malaysia from a non-Malaysian service provider. In this connection, the Fund, being non-taxable person who acquire imported taxable services (if any) will need to declare its imported taxable services through the submission of prescribed declaration, i.e. Form SST-02A to the Royal Malaysian Customs Department ("RMCD").

With effect from 1 January 2020, service tax on digital services was implemented at the rate of 6 per cent. Under the service tax on digital services, foreign service providers selling digital services to Malaysian consumers are required to register for and charge service tax. Digital services are defined as services which are delivered or subscribed over the internet or other electronic network, cannot be delivered without the use of IT and the delivery of the service is substantially automated.

Furthermore, the provision of digital services has also been prescribed as a taxable service when provided by a local service provider with effect from 1 January 2020. Hence, where the Fund obtains any of the prescribed digital services, those services may be subject to service tax at 6 percent.

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<sup>4</sup> A real property company is a controlled company which owns or acquires real property or shares in real property companies with a market value of not less than 75 per cent of its total tangible assets. A controlled company is a company which does not have more than 50 members and is controlled by not more than 5 persons.

## TAXATION OF UNIT HOLDERS

Unit holders will be taxed on an amount equivalent to their share of the total taxable income of the Fund to the extent of the distributions received from the Fund. The income distribution from the Fund will carry a tax credit in respect of the Malaysian tax paid by the Fund. Unit holders will be entitled to utilise the tax credit against the tax payable on the income distribution received by them. Generally, no additional WHT will be imposed on the income distribution from the Fund; unless the Fund is an RMMF, in which case there is a WHT on distribution from interest income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6 and distributed to non-individual unitholders.

Non-resident Unit holders may also be subject to tax in their respective jurisdictions. Depending on the provisions of the relevant country's tax legislation and any double tax treaty with Malaysia, the Malaysian tax suffered may be creditable against the relevant foreign tax.

Corporate Unit holders, resident<sup>5</sup> and non-resident, will generally be liable to income tax at 24 per cent<sup>6</sup> on distribution of income received from the Fund. The tax credits attributable to the distribution of income can be utilised against the tax liabilities of these Unit holders.

Individuals and other non-corporate Unit holders who are tax resident in Malaysia will be subject to income tax at graduated rates ranging from 1<sup>7</sup> per cent to 30<sup>8</sup> per cent. Individuals and other non-corporate Unit holders who are not resident in Malaysia will be subject to income tax at 30 per cent. The tax credits attributable to the distribution of income can be utilised against the tax liabilities of these Unit holders.

The distribution of exempt income and gains arising from the disposal of investments by the Fund will be exempted from tax in the hands of the Unit holders.

Based on the Finance Bill 2021, in respect of distribution from a RMMF, resident and non-resident corporate Unit holders (other than individual Unit holders), who receive income distributed from interest or profit<sup>1</sup> income of the RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6, will be subject to WHT at the rate of 24 per cent, effective from 1 January 2022.

For resident corporate Unit holders, the WHT is not a final tax. The resident corporate Unit holders will need to subject the income distributed from interest or profit<sup>1</sup> income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6 to tax in its income tax returns and the attached tax credit i.e. the 24 per cent WHT suffered will be available for set-off against the tax chargeable on the resident corporate Unit holders.

For non-resident Corporate Unit holders, the 24 per cent WHT on income distributed from interest or profit<sup>1</sup> income of a RMMF which are exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6, is a final tax.

Any gains realised by Unit holders (other than dealers in securities, insurance companies or financial institutions) on the sale or redemption of the units are treated as capital gains and will not be subject to income tax. This tax treatment will include gains in the form of cash or residual distribution in the event of the winding up of the Fund.

Unit holders electing to receive their income distribution by way of investment in the form of new Units will be regarded as having purchased the new Units out of their income distribution after tax.

Unit splits issued by the Fund are not taxable in the hands of Unit holders.

We hereby confirm that the statements made in this report correctly reflect our understanding of the tax position under current Malaysian tax legislation. Our comments above are general in nature and cover taxation in the context of Malaysian tax legislation only and do not cover foreign tax legislation. The comments do not represent specific tax advice to any investors and we recommend that investors obtain independent advice on the tax issues associated with their investments in the Fund.

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<sup>5</sup> Resident companies with paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of RM2.5 million and below will pay tax at 17 per cent for the first RM600,000 of chargeable income with the balance taxed at 24 per cent, effective from YA 2020.

With effect from YA 2009, the above shall not apply if more than –

- (a) 50 per cent of the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of the company is directly or indirectly owned by a related company;
- (b) 50 per cent of the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of the related company is directly or indirectly owned by the first mentioned company;
- (c) 50 per cent of the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of the first mentioned company and the related company is directly or indirectly owned by another company.

"Related company" means a company which has a paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of more than RM2.5 million at the beginning of the basis period for a YA.

<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to Finance Bill 2021, it is proposed that the income tax rate for a company (other than Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) will be increased to 33 per cent if a company has chargeable income exceeding RM100,000,000 in YA 2022.

<sup>7</sup> Effective from YA 2021, the resident individuals tax rate was reduced by 1% (from 14% to 13%) for the chargeable income band RM50,001 to RM70,000.

<sup>8</sup> Effective from YA 2020, the resident individuals tax rate was increased to 30% for the chargeable income exceeding RM2,000,000.

Yours faithfully,

for and on behalf of

**PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS TAXATION SERVICES SDN BHD**

Lim Phaik Hoon  
Partner

PricewaterhouseCoopers Taxation Services Sdn Bhd have given their written consent to the inclusion of their report as taxation adviser in the form and context in which it appears in this Prospectus and have not, before the date of issue of this Prospectus, withdrawn such consent.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You may always contact our team who would be happy to assist you in your:

- enquiry on balance account and market value;
- investment, Redemption, and transfer request;
- request to update personal details; and
- the Fund's NAV or any other queries regarding the Fund's performance.

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In addition, you may also review the NAV per Unit of the Fund in any major local newspaper or visit our website at [www.arecacapital.com](http://www.arecacapital.com) to obtain more information on us, our products and services.

Investors can constantly keep abreast of their investment portfolio's via:-

- semi-annual report containing information of the Fund, a report on the Fund's performance and financial statements for the accounting period. The semi-annual report will be distributed (online or otherwise) to all Unit Holders within 2 months from the end of the financial period;
- an annual report containing information of the Fund, a report on the Fund's performance, audited financial statements for the accounting period and auditor's report. The annual report will be distributed (online or otherwise) to all Unit Holders within 2 months from the close of each financial year;
- [www.arecacapital.com](http://www.arecacapital.com)

Investors are advised to keep their statement for record purposes.

In the event of joint accounts, the principal holder shall receive the confirmation advices, all notices and correspondence with respect to the account, as well as any Redemption proceeds or income distributions.

The Fund is established pursuant to a Deed entered into between the Manager and the Trustee dated 1 March 2022.

### **THE FUND'S ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

## **DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

The following documents or copies thereof will be available for inspection (without charge) from the date of the Prospectus during normal business hours at the registered office of the Manager or such other place as the SC may determine:

- the Deed;
- this Prospectus and supplementary prospectus or replacement prospectus, if any;
- the latest Fund reports;
- each material contract disclosed in this Prospectus and, in the case of contracts not reduced in writing, a memorandum which gives full particular of the contracts;
- the audited financial statements of the Fund for the current financial year (where applicable) and for the last 3 financial years or if less than three years, from the date of incorporation or commencement;
- all reports, letters or other documents, valuations and statements by any expert, any part of which is extracted or referred to in this Prospectus. Where a summary expert's report is included in this Prospectus, the corresponding full expert's report should be made available for inspection;
- writ and relevant cause papers for all material litigation and arbitration disclosed in this Prospectus; and
- all consents given by experts disclosed in this Prospectus.



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