

**QUARTERLY REPORT** 31 December 2024

# AHAM World Series – European Unconstrained Fund

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#### **AHAM World Series - European Unconstrained Fund**

## **Quarterly Report and Financial Statements As at 31 December 2024**

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#### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	AHAM World Series – European Unconstrained Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Equity feeder (wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long-term period through investments in European equities.
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Index
Distribution Policy	The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever appropriate.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

#### **EUR Class**

Category	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 30 Sep 2024
Total NAV (EUR'million)	0.501	0.694
NAV per Unit (EUR)	0.6400	0.6720
Unit in Circulation (million)	0.783	1.033

#### **AUD Hedged-class**

Category	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 30 Sep 2024
Total NAV (AUD'million)	0.392	0.399
NAV per Unit (AUD)	0.7082	0.7422
Unit in Circulation (million)	0.554	0.538

#### MYR Hedged-class

Category	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 30 Sep 2024
Total NAV (RM'million)	7.789	10.079
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.7809	0.8212
Unit in Circulation (million)	9.975	12.274

#### SGD Hedged-class

Category	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 30 Sep 2024
Total NAV (SGD'million)	0.243	0.256
NAV per Unit (SGD)	0.7371	0.7756
Unit in Circulation (million)	0.330	0.330

#### **USD Hedged-class**

Category	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 30 Sep 2024
Total NAV (USD'million)	0.237	0.248
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.8107	0.8485
Unit in Circulation (million)	0.292	0.292

#### **Income Distribution Breakdown**

No income distribution was declared over the financial period under review.

#### **Fund Performance**

Performance as at 31 December 2024

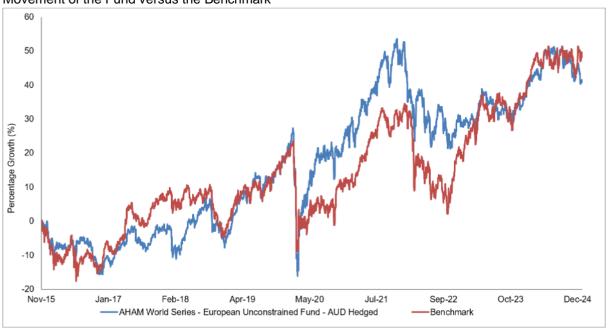
#### **EUR Class**

						Since
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/10/24 -	(1/7/24 -	(1/1/24 -	(1/1/22 -	(1/1/20 -	(27/11/15 -
	31/12/24)	31/12/24)	31/12/24)	31/12/24)	31/12/24)	31/12/24)
Fund	(4.76%)	(5.52%)	5.44%	(7.57%)	20.82%	28.00%
Benchmark	(3.01%)	(1.07%)	5.75%	5.08%	21.69%	30.90%
Outperformance	(1.75%)	(4.45%)	(0.31%)	(12.65%)	(0.87%)	(2.90%)



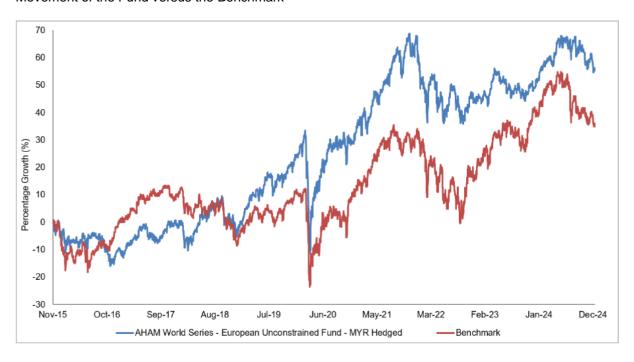
#### **AUD Hedged-Class**

	3 Months (1/10/24 - 31/12/24)	6 Months (1/7/24 - 31/12/24)	1 Year (1/1/24 - 31/12/24)	3 Years (1/1/22 - 31/12/24)	5 Years (1/1/20 - 31/12/24)	Since Commencement (27/11/15 - 31/12/24)
Fund	(4.58%)	(5.28%)	5.67%	(6.99%)	19.93%	41.64%
Benchmark	1.02%	3.10%	9.32%	12.37%	27.37%	49.32%
Outperformance	(5.60%)	(8.38%)	(3.65%)	(19.36%)	(7.44%)	(7.68%)



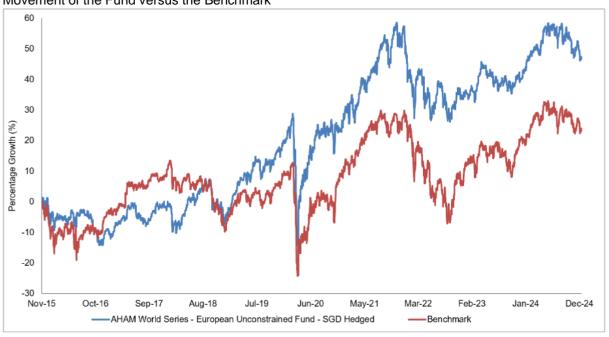
#### MYR Hedged-Class

	3 Months (1/10/24 - 31/12/24)	6 Months (1/7/24 - 31/12/24)	1 Year (1/1/24 - 31/12/24)	3 Years (1/1/22 - 31/12/24)	5 Years (1/1/20 - 31/12/24)	Since Commencement (27/11/15 - 31/12/24)
Fund	(4.91%)	(5.82%)	4.62%	(6.77%)	26.32%	56.18%
Benchmark	(2.34%)	(9.40%)	(3.60%)	2.75%	22.64%	35.31%
Outperformance	(2.57%)	3.58%	8.22%	(9.52%)	3.68%	20.87%



#### **SGD Hedged-Class**

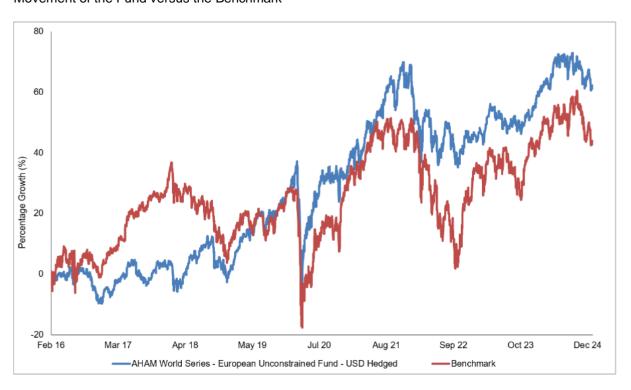
	3 Months (1/10/24 - 31/12/24)	6 Months (1/7/24 - 31/12/24)	1 Year (1/1/24 - 31/12/24)	3 Years (1/1/22 - 31/12/24)	5 Years (1/1/20 - 31/12/24)	Since Commencement (27/11/15 - 31/12/24)
Fund	(4.96%)	(5.72%)	4.99%	(6.10%)	23.72%	47.42%
Benchmark	(4.06%)	(3.66%)	2.52%	(3.11%)	14.02%	23.96%
Outperformance	(0.90%)	(2.06%)	2.47%	(2.99%)	9.70%	23.46%



#### **USD Hedged-Class**

	3 Months (1/10/24 - 31/12/24)	6 Months (1/7/24 - 31/12/24)	1 Year (1/1/24 - 31/12/24)	3 Years (1/1/22 - 31/12/24)	5 Years (1/1/20 - 31/12/24)	Since Commencement (3/2/16 - 31/12/24)
Fund	(4.45%)	(4.91%)	6.52%	(3.82%)	27.73%	62.14%
Benchmark	(9.96%)	(4.46%)	(1.08%)	(4.49%)	12.16%	43.05%
Outperformance	5.51%	(0.45%)	7.60%	0.67%	15.57%	19.09%

#### Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



<sup>&</sup>quot;This information is prepared by AHAM Asset Management Berhad for information purposes only. Past earnings or the fund's distribution record is not a guarantee or reflection of the fund's future earnings/future distributions. Investors are advised that unit prices, distributions payable and investment returns may go down as well as up. Source of Benchmark is from Bloomberg."

Benchmark: MSCI Europe Index

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#### **Asset Allocation**

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	31 December 2024
	(%)
Unit Trust	94.30
Derivative	0.65
Cash & money market	5.05
Total	100.00

#### **Strategies Employed**

The Target Fund Manager's strategy was cautious yet opportunistic, focusing on resilient markets and sectors with strong growth potential. Taiwan's semiconductor sector, particularly driven by demand for Al-related products, was a key contributor to positive performance, reflecting the manager's selective exposure to high-growth areas. The industrial, communication services, and financials sectors were favored, as they showed strong fundamentals and steady revenue growth, while the consumer discretionary and real estate sectors faced more challenges due to pricing uncertainties and lack of recovery signals. The Target Fund Manager was also sensitive to geopolitical and economic risks, adapting the portfolio to reflect external uncertainties, particularly those surrounding the US election and European political instability. In South Korea, the Target Fund Manager sought opportunities in exporters with solid fundamentals, likewO those in auto and K-beauty, benefiting from a weaker currency. Overall, the strategy was about balancing caution with targeted exposure to growth opportunities in select regions and sectors.

#### **Market Review**

Euro area economic performance in the fourth quarter of 2024 showed mixed signals. GDP growth accelerated to 0.4% quarter-on-quarter in Q3, the strongest pace since Q2 2022, surpassing consensus expectations. However, forward-looking surveys painted a less optimistic picture. The European Commission's business and consumer survey showed a decline in the economic sentiment index to a six-month low of 95.6 in October, reflecting weakening optimism. The composite Eurozone PMI ticked up slightly to 49.7 but still indicated contraction, suggesting that growth was unlikely to accelerate further. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB) made its third 25bps rate cut of the cycle, reducing the deposit facility rate to 3.25%. The ECB's actions, combined with dovish rhetoric, indicated growing concerns over downside growth risks. While disinflation was progressing, there were clear signs of ongoing weaknesses in consumption and industrial production.

Leading economic indicators for Europe continued to deteriorate as the US election fallout unfolded. Both manufacturing and services sector PMIs fell into contraction, and the composite measure reached its lowest level since January. Political uncertainty further compounded the region's outlook. In Germany, the government will face snap elections in February 2025, with a CDU-led coalition expected to emerge, providing some relief amid political paralysis. In contrast, France remained in turmoil, with President Macron's government falling after a no-confidence vote, leaving the nation in a political stalemate. This political disarray, coupled with fiscal challenges, weighed heavily on investor sentiment. The gap between French and German 10-year bond yields widened, signaling increasing risk. As a result, Europe's economic sentiment remained weak, and the outlook for 2025 was clouded by political and economic uncertainty.

#### **Investment Outlook**

The Target Fund Manager expect an increase in volatility post US election, given some of the policy uncertainties ahead of Trump's inauguration, both in the US and on the geopolitical front. However, whilst the Target Fund Manager is macro aware, they are not macro driven. The Target Fund Manager focuses their attention on company specific drivers of performance and seek the benefits of diversification by investing across a wide range of distinctive alpha sources, drawing on the expertise of their internal analysts. The Target Fund Manager's preference for high quality companies with strong management teams and healthy balance sheets should position them well to weather the uncertain economic outlook and help protect against downside risk. They commit to meet all of their holdings' management teams at least once per year and stay away from investing in companies where management are reluctant to engage with investors.

#### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

INIVESTMENT INCOME//LOSS)	Financial period ended 31.12.2024 EUR	Financial period ended 31.12.2023 EUR
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)		
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost Net (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchanges Net gain /(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts	469 (601)	466 1,515
at fair value through profit or loss Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value	186,318	(162,598)
through profit or loss	(18,116)	101,428
	168,070	(59,189)
EXPENSES		
Management fee	(44,706)	(51,037)
Trustee fee Auditors' remuneration	(1,491) (1,182)	(1,701) (1,254)
Tax agent's fee	(517)	· -
Other expenses	(1,197)	(1,467)
	(49,093)	(55,459)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION	118,977	(114,648)
Taxation	-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	118,977	(114,648)
Increase/(decrease) in net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:		
Realised amount Unrealised amount	241,891 (122,914)	(127,756) 13,108
	118,977	(114,648)

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u> EUR	<u>2023</u> EUR
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from broker Amount due from Manager	147,564 -	191,707 34,306
- management fee rebate receivable Financial assets at fair value	3,729	4,549
through profit or loss Forward foreign currency contracts	2,647,033	3,232,334
at fair value through profit or loss	24,832	9,331
TOTAL ASSETS	2,823,158	3,472,227
LIABILITIES		
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss  Amount due to Manager	6.552	29,816
- management fee - cancellation of units	4,347 -	5,256 13,930
Amount due to Trustee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee	145 1,341 1,415	175 1,674
Other payable and accruals	2,275	2,342
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	16,075	53,193
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	2,807,083	3,419,034
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	2,807,083	3,419,034

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

REPRESENTED BY:	<u>2024</u> EUR	<u>2023</u> EUR
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS		
<ul> <li>AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>USD Hedged-class</li> </ul>	234,204 501,101 1,673,001 171,554 227,223 2,807,083	363,194 407,883 2,287,500 200,632 159,825 3,419,034
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
<ul> <li>AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>USD Hedged-class</li> </ul>	554,000 783,000 9,975,000 330,000 292,000 11,934,000	880,000 672,000 15,541,000 417,000 232,000 17,742,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (EUR)		
<ul> <li>AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>USD Hedged-class</li> </ul>	0.4228 0.6400 0.1677 0.5199 0.7782	0.4127 0.6070 0.1472 0.4811 0.6889
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
<ul> <li>- AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>- EUR Class</li> <li>- MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>- SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>- USD Hedged-class</li> </ul>	AUD0.7082 EUR0.6400 RM0.7809 SGD0.7371 USD0.8107	AUD0.6702 EUR0.6070 RM0.7464 SGD0.7021 USD0.7611

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Financial period ended 31.12.2024 EUR	Financial period ended 31.12.2023 EUR
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	3,452,414	4,322,077
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period		
Creation of units arising from applications	516,510	138,037
- AUD Hedged-class - EUR Class - MYR Hedged-class	64,129 296,088 88,572	- - 138,037
- SGD Hedged-class - USD Hedged-class	7,249 60,472	130,037
Cancellation of units	(1,280,818)	(926,432)
<ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR Class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Hedged-class</li></ul>	(118,965) (208,841) (945,141) - (7,871)	(249,433) (132,989) (426,552) (102,635) (14,823)
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial period	118,977	(114,648)
<ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR Class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Hedged-class</li></ul>	(6,101) (18,981) 139,024 (138) 5,173	7,851 7,119 (131,851) 1,161 1,072
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	2,807,083	3,419,034

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