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Nomura i-Income Fund 2

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the
Financial Period ended 31 October 2024

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DEUTSCHE TRUSTEES MALAYSIA BERHAD
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1. FUND PROFILE

1.1 Fund Name

Nomura i-Income Fund 2 (“Fund”)

1.2 Type and Category of Fund

Income – Fixed Income (Islamic)

1.3 Duration of the Fund

The Fund is an open-ended fund.

1.4 Investment Objectives

The Fund seeks to provide investors with recurring income on its investments.

1.5 Distribution Policy

Subject to availability of income, distribution will be on quarterly basis.

1.6 Performance Benchmark

Maybank 3-month Islamic Fixed Deposit Rate (“Benchmark”).

2. FUND PERFORMANCE

2.1 Key Fund Performance Data

Asset Allocation / Portfolio Composition	31 October 2024	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
Unquoted sukuk – Government of Malaysia	60.88%	63.31%	62.47%
Cash and Others [#]	39.12%	36.69%	37.53%
Total (%)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

[#]Included in ‘Cash and Others’ are cash on hand and Islamic deposits and other net current assets/liabilities.

Fund – Class S

Category	1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	1.0162	1.0045	1.0034
Lowest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	0.9930	0.9722	0.9165
Total Return (%) ²			
- Capital growth (%)	1.44	1.03	(1.72)
- Income (%)	2.70	3.30	1.70
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (sen)	2.72	3.28	1.67
Total NAV (RM) ¹	40,482,299	39,909,701	39,502,084
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.0072	0.9929	0.9828
Unit in Circulation	40,194,006	40,193,977	40,193,943

Fund – Class I

Category	1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	1.0122	1.0023	1.0030
Lowest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	0.9901	0.9703	0.9165
Total Return (%) ²			
- Capital growth (%)	1.32	0.92	(1.90)
- Income (%)	2.71	3.31	1.70
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (sen)	2.72	3.28	1.67
Total NAV (RM) ¹	31,123,041	30,716,402	29,915,884
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.0031	0.9900	0.9810
Unit in Circulation	31,026,208	31,026,179	30,496,526

Fund – Class R

Category	1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	1.0075	1.0000	1.0030
Lowest NAV per Unit (RM) ¹	0.9869	0.9686	0.9164
Total Return (%) ²			
- Capital growth (%)	1.16	0.77	(2.07)
- Income (%)	2.72	3.32	1.71
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (sen)	2.72	3.28	1.67
Total NAV (RM) ¹	3,081,361	5,826,554	5,710,910
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.9982	0.9868	0.9793
Unit in Circulation	3,086,868	5,904,643	5,831,775

Fund – Class H (Hedged)

Category	1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Highest NAV per Unit (USD) ¹	1.1132	1.0523	1.0258
Lowest NAV per Unit (USD) ¹	1.0526	0.9914	0.9191
Total Return (%) ²			
- Capital growth (%)	5.79	5.71	(0.45)
- Income (%)	0.54	0.67	0.37
Gross/Net Distribution per unit (cent)	0.60	0.70	0.364
Total NAV (RM) ¹	1,302,989	923,946	5,877,373
NAV per Unit (USD)	1.1132	1.0523	0.9955
Unit in Circulation	267,536	184,386	1,249,243

Category	1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Total Expense Ratio (%) ³	0.27	0.29	0.37
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (time) ⁴	0.36	1.64	0.59

Notes:

(1) *Figures shown as ex-distribution.*

(2) *Total Return of the Fund and its Benchmark for a period are calculated based on the absolute return of the Fund for that period. The calculation of the Total Return of the Fund is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Refinitiv Lipper. Fund performances include reinvestment of income distributions into the Fund. The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in NAV for the stipulated period taking into account all the distributions payable (if any) during the stipulated period:*

- **Capital Return**= {NAV per Unit End / NAV per Unit Beginning – 1} x 100
- **Income Return**= {Income Distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit Ex-Distribution} x 100

(3) *Total Expense Ratio (“TER”) is calculated based on the total fees and expenses incurred by the Fund divided by the average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis.*

(4) *Portfolio Turnover Ratio (“PTR”) is calculated based on the total acquisitions and total disposals of investment securities of the Fund for the financial period divided by the average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis.*

2.2 Average Total Return of the Fund

Fund – Class S

	1 Year to 31 Oct 2024	3 Year to 31 Oct 2024
Average Total Return (%)	4.22	3.04

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – Class I

	1 Year to 31 Oct 2024	3 Year to 31 Oct 2024
Average Total Return (%)	4.11	2.94

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – Class R

	1 Year to 31 Oct 2024	3 Year to 31 Oct 2024
Average Total Return (%)	3.95	2.78

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – Class H (Hedged)

	1 Year to 31 Oct 2024	3 Year to 31 Oct 2024
Average Total Return (%)	6.37	3.67

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

2.3 Annual Total Return of the Fund

Fund – Class S

	FY 2024	FY 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	4.22	4.42	(0.04)
Benchmark (%)	2.69	2.84	2.43

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – Class I

	FY 2024	FY 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	4.11	4.31	(0.22)
Benchmark (%)	2.94	2.84	2.43

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – Class R

	FY 2024	FY 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	3.95	4.16	(0.39)
Benchmark (%)	2.69	2.84	2.43

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Fund – Class H (Hedged)

	FY 2024	FY 2023	Since Commencement, 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2022
Total Return (%) ¹	6.37	6.43	(0.08)
Benchmark (%)	11.73	2.06	(8.47)

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Notes:

- (1) Annual Total Return of the Fund and its Benchmark for a period are calculated based on the absolute return of the Fund for that period. The calculation of the Annual Total Return of the Fund is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Refinitiv Lipper. Fund performances include reinvestment of income distributions into the Fund. Further details on basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating returns is as follows:

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

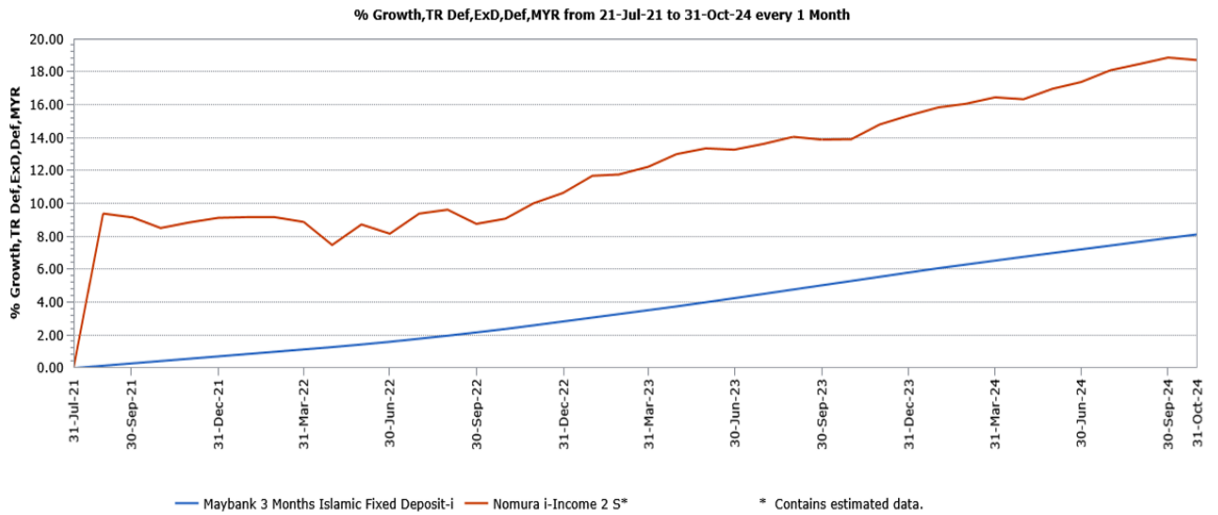
- **Capital Return** = {NAV per Unit End / NAV per Unit Beginning – 1} x 100
- **Income Return** = {Income Distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit Ex-Distribution} x 100
- **Total Return** = (1 + Percentage Growth)^{1/n} – 1

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

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

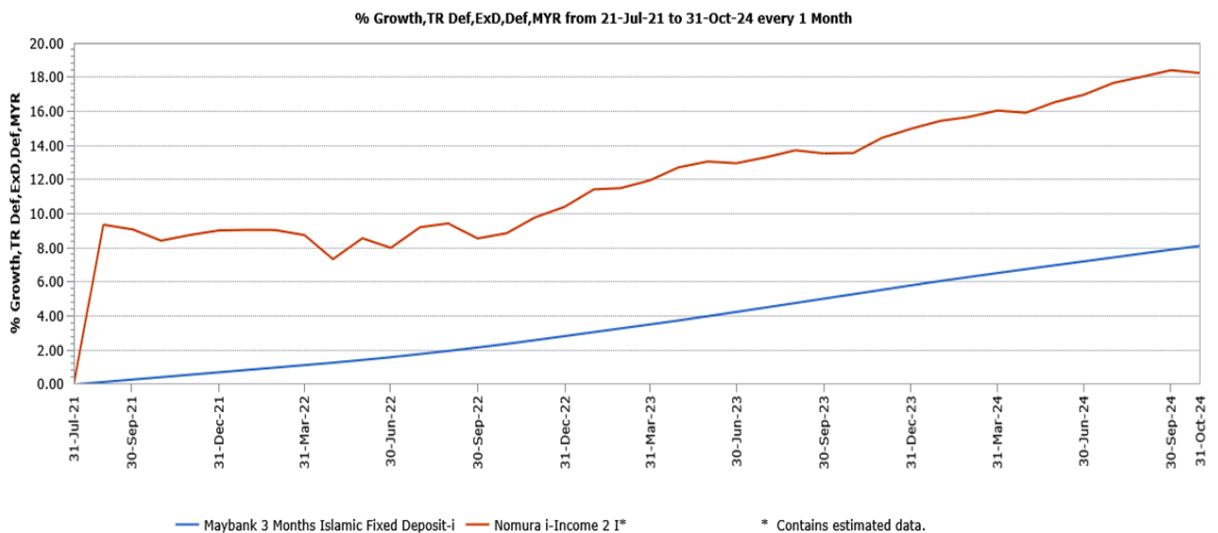
Performance of Nomura i-Income Fund 2 from 21 July 2021 to 31 October 2024

Fund – Class S



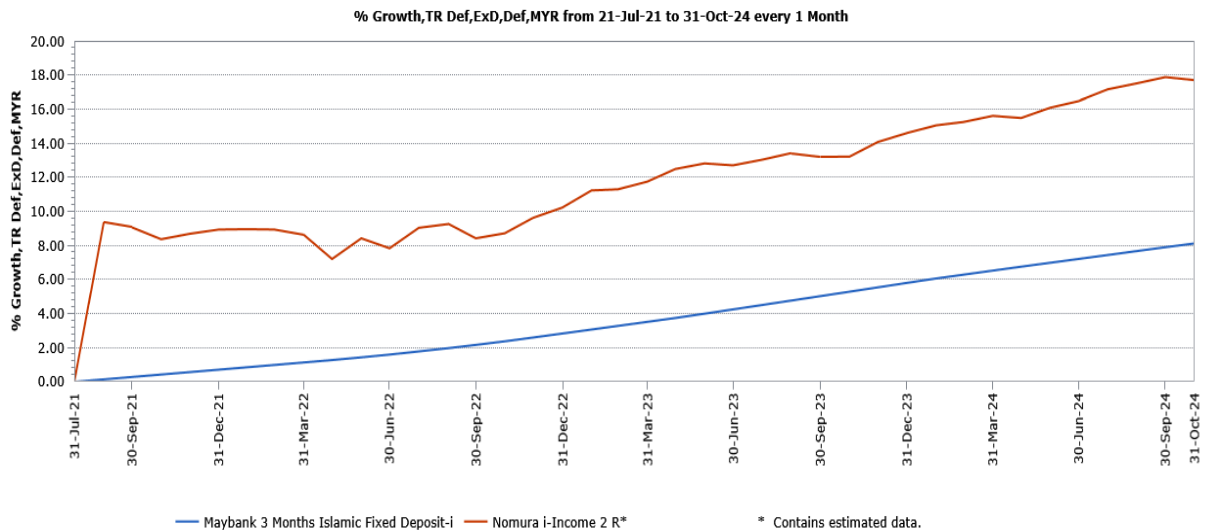
Source Lipper

Fund – Class I

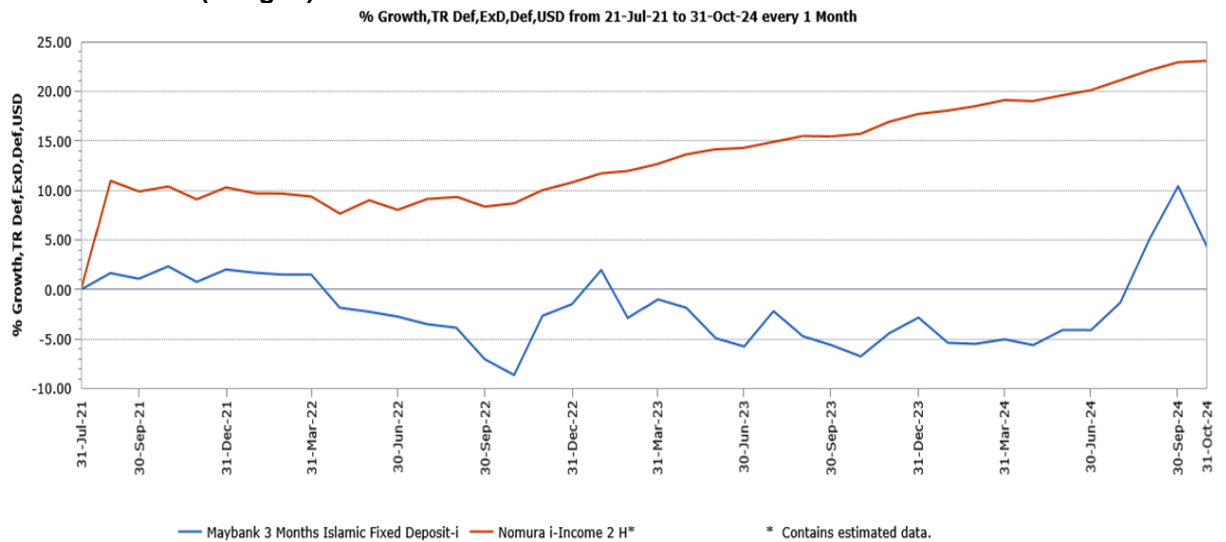


Source Lipper

Fund – Class R



Fund – Class H (Hedged)



Benchmark: Maybank 3-month Islamic Fixed Deposit Rate

Source: The calculation of the Annual Total Return of the Fund is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Refinitiv Lipper. Fund performances include reinvestment of income distributions into the Fund.

3.1 Performance for the period from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

Fund – Class S

For the period under review from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, Class S has registered 4.22% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 2.69%, Class S has outperformed the Benchmark by 1.53%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of Class S as at 31 October 2023 was RM 0.9929 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 October 2024 of RM 1.0072. On the total NAV basis, Class S's NAV stood at RM 40.48 million as at 31 October 2024. During the period under review, Class S has declared a total income distribution of RM 0.0272 per unit.

Fund – Class I

For the period under review from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, Class I has registered 4.11% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 2.94%, Class I has outperformed the Benchmark by 1.17%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of Class I as at 31 October 2023 was RM 0.9900 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 October 2024 of RM 1.0031. On the total NAV basis, Class I's NAV stood at RM 31.12 million as at 31 October 2024. During the period under review, Class I has declared a total income distribution of RM 0.0272 per unit.

Fund – Class R

For the period under review from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, Class R has registered 3.95% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 2.69%, Class R has outperformed the Benchmark by 1.26%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of Class R as at 31 October 2023 was RM 0.9868 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 October 2024 of RM 0.9982. On the total NAV basis, Class R's NAV stood at RM 3.08 million as at 31 October 2024. During the period under review, Class R has declared a total income distribution of RM 0.0272 per unit.

Fund – Class H (Hedged)

For the period under review from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, Class H (Hedged) has registered 6.37% return. Compared to the Benchmark return of 2.06%, Class H (Hedged) has underperformed the Benchmark by -5.36%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of Class H (Hedged) as at 31 October 2023 was USD 1.0523 compared to the NAV per unit as at 31 October 2024 of USD 1.1132. On the total NAV basis, Class H (Hedged)'s NAV stood at USD 0.30 million as at 31 October 2024. During the period under review, Class H (Hedged) has declared a total income distribution of USD 0.0060 per unit.

3.2 Review of Market for the period from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

2023 was yet another volatile year for the bond market. Towards the end of 2023, tracking global yield movements, Government Investment Issues ("GII") rallied strongly amid increased geopolitical tensions and expectations that global central banks were very close to the end of their hiking cycle.

Going into 2024, volatility remained elevated. GII yield curve continued its rally in 1Q24, before surging in mid-2024, then rallied again towards the end of the review period. High rates volatility throughout the year largely stemmed from external factors, amongst others, the highly-anticipated US Presidential Election, market expectations on the timing and quantum of US Federal Reserve's rate cut, and geopolitical tensions. Meanwhile, on the local front, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") kept its Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) unchanged at 3.00% in its Monetary Policy Committee meetings throughout the review period. BNM maintained its neutral tone with risks assessed to be balanced for both global and domestic economies. All in all, BNM reiterated that the current monetary policy stance remains supportive of the economy and is consistent with the current assessment of the inflation and growth prospects.

3.3 Investment Outlook

We anticipate the 1H2025 to show some volatility despite the stable domestic policy rate outlook, with still strong domestic growth, and as inflation data remain subdued. We remain cognizant on the current low yield returns for the GII market, and would keep our powder dry. We anticipate gradually increasing duration, though it will be done on an opportunistic basis. Should yields rise to levels that we deem to offer value, we will deploy our cash into short to medium dated GII to better position the portfolio for the coming few periods.

3.4 Strategies Employed for the period from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

Strategy-wise, we remain cautious of the yield curve, as the curve has remained low and does not return for duration, led by strengthening global yields, we see risk of rising interest rates in the short to medium term. We think it is opportunistic to slowly increase duration when the curve begins to show value in the belly to the long-end of the curve. In the interim we see better roll down benefit in the short-end of the curve.

3.5 Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation / Portfolio Composition	31 October 2024	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
Unquoted sukuk - Government of Malaysia	60.88%	63.31%	62.47%
Cash and Others [#]	39.12%	36.69%	37.53%
Total (%)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

[#] Included in 'Cash and Others' are cash on hand and Islamic deposits and other net current assets/liabilities.

There were no significant changes on the Fund's asset allocation during the financial period under review.

3.6 Securities Lending or Repurchase Transactions

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial year under review.

3.7 Income Distribution

The Manager has distributed a total of gross/net distribution of RM0.0272 per unit for unit holders of each Class S, Class I and Class R, and USD0.0060 per unit for unit holders of Class H (Hedged) over the financial year ended 31 October 2024.

The Net Asset Value per Unit prior and subsequent to the distributions were as follows:

Fund – Class S

Cum-Distribution Date	Cum-Distribution (RM)	Ex-Distribution Date	Ex-Distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)
19-Dec-23	1.0046	20-Dec-23	0.9969	0.0080
15-Mar-24	1.0055	18-Mar-24	0.9977	0.0080
18-Jun-24	1.0055	19-Jun-24	1.0033	0.0028
17-Sep-24	1.0162	18-Sep-24	1.0074	0.0084

Fund – Class I

Cum-Distribution Date	Cum-Distribution (RM)	Ex-Distribution Date	Ex-Distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)
19-Dec-23	1.0015	20-Dec-23	0.9938	0.0080
15-Mar-24	1.0022	18-Mar-24	0.9943	0.0080
18-Jun-24	1.0019	19-Jun-24	0.9996	0.0028
17-Sep-24	1.0122	18-Sep-24	1.0035	0.0084

Fund – Class R

Cum-Distribution Date	Cum-Distribution (RM)	Ex-Distribution Date	Ex-Distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)
19-Dec-23	0.9980	20-Dec-23	0.9903	0.0080
15-Mar-24	0.9983	18-Mar-24	0.9905	0.0080
18-Jun-24	0.9976	19-Jun-24	0.9953	0.0028
17-Sep-24	1.0075	18-Sep-24	0.9988	0.0084

Fund – Class H (Hedged)

Cum-Distribution Date	Cum-Distribution (USD)	Ex-Distribution Date	Ex-Distribution (USD)	Distribution per Unit (USD)
19-Dec-23	1.0682	20-Dec-23	1.0671	0.0017
15-Mar-24	1.0790	18-Mar-24	1.0775	0.0017
18-Jun-24	1.0877	19-Jun-24	1.0873	0.0006
17-Sep-24	1.1112	18-Sep-24	1.1093	0.0020

3.8 Details of Any Unit Split Exercise

There was no unit split exercise during the financial year under review.

3.9 Significant Changes in the State of Affairs of the Fund

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the financial period under review. However, a second supplementary prospectus of the Fund dated 25 March 2024 has been issued to reflect the changes made to the Fund.

In addition, please find the latest changes to the Manager's board of directors as follows:

Mr. Leslie Yap Kim Loong
 Mr. Atsushi Ichii
 Ms. Chooi Su May
 Mr. Tomoya Kawagishi (Resigned on 23 May 2024)
 Mr. Kenichi Suzuki (Appointed on 1 October 2024)
 Dato' Mona Suraya Binti Kamaruddin*
 Ms. Julia Binti Hashim*

* *Independent director*

Tabulated in **Appendix 1** for full list of changes made to the Fund.

3.10 Circumstances that Materially Affect Any Interest of Unit Holders

There were no circumstances that had materially affected the interest of the unit holders during the financial year under review.

3.11 Cross Trades Transactions

There were no cross trades conducted during the financial year under review.

3.12 Soft Commissions Received From Brokers

The Manager did not receive any soft commission during the financial year under review.

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NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2 (“FUND”)

LIST HIGHLIGHTING THE AMENDMENTS FROM PROSPECTUS DATED 1 DECEMBER 2022 (AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS DATED 1 MAY 2023) (“PRINCIPAL PROSPECTUS”) AND THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS (“SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS”) IN RELATION TO THE FUND

NO.	PRINCIPAL PROSPECTUS	SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS	REASON FOR AMENDMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS 9.70 – 9.72 OF THE GUIDELINES ON UNIT TRUST FUNDS (“GUTF”)
<p>General:</p> <p>We are of the view that all of the proposed amendments to the Principal Prospectus as set out in the Second Supplementary Prospectus are not significant changes that will affect unit holders’ decision to stay invested in the Fund as there is no change in investment strategy, distribution policy or minimum balance of the Fund as provided under the guidance to paragraph 9.71(a) of the GUTF.</p> <p>As the proposed amendments are not a significant change that will affect unit holders’ decision to stay invested in the Fund, we will inform unit holders of the amendment via a written notice at least 14 days before the date of the Second Supplementary Prospectus.</p>			
1.	<p>Section 2 – Glossary, Eligible Market</p> <p>An exchange, government securities market or an over-the-counter market –</p> <p>(a) that is regulated by a regulatory authority of that jurisdiction;</p> <p>(b) that is open to the public or to a substantial number of market participants; and</p> <p>(c) on which financial instruments are regularly traded.</p>	<p>Section 2 – Glossary, Eligible Market</p> <p>An exchange, government securities market or an OTC market –</p> <p>(a) that is regulated by a regulatory authority of that jurisdiction;</p> <p>(b) that is open to the public or to a substantial number of market participants; and</p> <p>(c) on which financial instruments are regularly traded.</p>	<p>Amended as “OTC” has been defined in the Principal Prospectus.</p>
2.	<p>Section 4 - Understanding the Risks of the Fund, Specific Risks of the Fund, Reinvestment Risk</p> <p>This is a risk that future proceeds (profit and/or capital) are reinvested at a lower potential profit rate for Islamic deposits which are placed with financial institutions. Reinvestment risk is especially evident during periods of falling interest rates</p>	<p>Section 4 - Understanding the Risks of the Fund, Specific Risks of the Fund, Reinvestment Risk</p> <p>This is a risk that future proceeds (profit and/or capital) are reinvested at a lower potential profit rate for Islamic deposits which are placed with financial institutions. Reinvestment risk is especially evident during periods of falling profit rates</p>	<p>Amended as we would like to standardise the disclosure with our other funds’ prospectus.</p>

	where the profit payments are reinvested at a lower profit rate compared to the initial profit rate. For investments in sukuk, the reinvestment risk will be apparent during periods of falling profit rates as the Fund will be reinvesting at higher prices (there is an inverse relationship between interest rates and prices of sukuk).	where the profit payments are reinvested at a lower profit rate compared to the initial profit rate. For investments in sukuk, the reinvestment risk will be apparent during periods of falling profit rates as the Fund will be reinvesting at higher prices (there is an inverse relationship between interest rates and prices of sukuk).	
3.	<p>6 Section 6.8 - Temporary Suspension, 2nd paragraph</p> <p>To avoid suspension of the Fund, the Fund will hold adequate Islamic liquid assets (50% of the Fund's NAV) and if the Islamic liquid assets are insufficient to meet redemption requests, we will either liquidate the investments of the Fund or seek temporary financing, considering which is in the best interests of Unit Holders. If we have exhausted all possible avenues to avoid a suspension of the Fund, we may as a last resort, in consultation with the Trustee and having considered the interests of the Unit Holders, suspend the sale (if applicable) and repurchase of Units where it is impractical for us to calculate the NAV of the Fund due to but not limited to the following:</p> <p>(i) the closure of a securities exchange or trading restrictions on a securities exchange where the Fund has substantial investment in such securities exchange; or</p> <p>(ii) an emergency or other state of affairs; or</p> <p>(iii) the realisation of the material portion of the assets of the Fund not being able to be effected at prices which would be realised if such material portion of the assets of the Fund were realised in an orderly fashion over a reasonable period in a stable market.</p>	<p>Section 6.8 - Temporary Suspension, 2nd paragraph</p> <p>To avoid suspension of the Fund, the Fund will hold adequate Islamic liquid assets (50% of the Fund's NAV) and if the Islamic liquid assets are insufficient to meet redemption requests, we will either liquidate the investments of the Fund or seek temporary financing, considering which is in the best interests of Unit Holders. If we have exhausted all possible avenues to avoid a suspension of the Fund, we may as a last resort, in consultation with the Trustee and having considered the interests of the Unit Holders, suspend the sale (if applicable) and repurchase of Units where it is impractical for us to calculate the NAV of the Fund due to but not limited to the following:</p> <p>(i) the closure of a securities exchange or trading restrictions on a securities exchange where the Fund has substantial investment in such securities exchange; or</p> <p>(ii) an emergency or other state of affairs; or</p> <p>(iii) the realisation of the material portion of the assets of the Fund not being able to be effected at prices which would be realised if such material portion of the assets of the Fund were realised in an orderly fashion over a reasonable period in a stable market.</p>	Amended to correct an unintentional typographical error.
4.	<p>Section 8.4 - Investment Team</p> <p>Mr Joel Lim Soo Min – Designated Fund Manager</p>	<p>Section 8.4 - Investment Team</p> <p>Mr Eugene Ray Martin – Designated Fund Manager</p>	Amended as Mr Eugene Ray Martin has replaced Mr Joel

	<p>Joel joined NAMM’s Fixed Income team in August 2013. He has been involved in credit analysis, macroeconomic research and portfolio management. Prior to joining NAMM, he was an equity analyst with a local asset management firm for 2 years.</p> <p>He earned a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies from the Australian National University, Australia. He holds a Capital Markets Services Representative’s Licence for fund management under the CMSA.</p>	<p>Eugene joined NAMM in August 2019 as Portfolio Manager attached to the Malaysian Fixed Income and Global Sukuk team. Prior to joining NAMM, Eugene was a strategist for Fixed Income Currency and Commodities of CIMB Investment Bank. He was also Fund Manager and Senior Credit Analyst for AmFunds Management.</p> <p>As Portfolio Manager at NAMM, Eugene is a contributing member of the Emerging Bond Investment meetings held regularly and jointly with other Emerging Bond market specialists from Nomura Asset Management offices in New York, Singapore, Tokyo, London and Frankfurt.</p> <p>Eugene holds a Masters of Applied Economics from the Australian National University and a Bachelor in Health Sciences (Hons) Biomedicine from Universiti Sains Malaysia.</p>	<p>Lim Soo Min as the designated fund manager effective 2 November 2023.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Section 9.4.1 - Shariah Investment Guidelines, Islamic derivatives</p> <p>We may use Islamic derivatives approved by the Shariah Adviser, such as Islamic foreign exchange forward contracts, for hedging purposes. If Islamic derivatives are not available or are not commercially viable, we may use conventional derivatives subject to prior approval from the Shariah Adviser being obtained.</p>	<p>Section 9.4.1 - Shariah Investment Guidelines, Islamic derivatives</p> <p>The Fund may use Islamic derivatives approved by the Shariah Adviser, such as Islamic foreign exchange forward contracts, for hedging purposes. If Islamic derivatives are not available or are not commercially viable, the Fund may use conventional derivatives subject to prior approval from the Shariah Adviser being obtained.</p>	<p>Amended as we would like to standardise the disclosure with our other funds’ prospectus.</p>

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Profit income from unquoted sukuk at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")		1,558,087	1,682,340
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions and term deposits at amortised cost		1,174,021	1,237,433
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	6	567,856	962,251
Net (loss)/gain on Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	9	(33,933)	18,908
Net loss on foreign currency exchange		<u>(322)</u>	<u>(116,740)</u>
		<u>3,265,709</u>	<u>3,784,192</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(155,045)	(187,652)
Trustee fee	4	(22,686)	(25,015)
Shariah Adviser's fee		(6,360)	(6,360)
Audit fee		(13,650)	(13,000)
Tax agent's fee		(5,978)	(3,900)
Other expenses		<u>(3,443)</u>	<u>(3,557)</u>
		<u>(207,162)</u>	<u>(239,484)</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE FINANCE COST AND TAXATION		3,058,547	3,544,708
FINANCE COST			
Distributions	11	<u>(2,028,504)</u>	<u>(2,561,152)</u>
NET INCOME AFTER FINANCE COST AND BEFORE TAXATION		1,030,043	983,556
TAXATION	5	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>1,030,043</u>	<u>983,556</u>
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders is made of the following:			
Realised amount		576,959	262,999
Unrealised amount		453,084	720,557
		<u>1,030,043</u>	<u>983,556</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,752,508	28,402,260
Term deposits	8	27,057,420	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	6	46,262,998	48,986,354
Islamic forward foreign currency contract	9	20,304	25,128
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>76,093,230</u>	<u>77,413,742</u>
LIABILITIES			
Islamic forward foreign currency contract	9	57,662	2,921
Amount due to Manager		10,422	-
Accrued management fee		13,222	13,909
Amount due to Trustee		1,932	1,971
Amount due to Shariah Adviser		957	1,060
Auditor's remuneration		14,469	13,780
Tax agent's fee		4,876	3,498
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)		<u>103,540</u>	<u>37,139</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>75,989,690</u>	<u>77,376,603</u>
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>75,989,690</u>	<u>77,376,603</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
REPRESENTED BY			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (RM)			
Class S		40,482,299	39,909,701
Class I		31,123,041	30,716,402
Class R		3,081,361	5,826,554
Class H (Hedged)		<u>1,302,989</u>	<u>923,946</u>
NUMBER OF UNIT IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)			
Class S	10	40,194,006	40,193,977
Class I	10	31,026,208	31,026,179
Class R	10	3,086,868	5,904,643
Class H (Hedged)	10	<u>267,536</u>	<u>184,386</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)			
Class S		1.0072	0.9929
Class I		1.0031	0.9900
Class R		0.9982	0.9868
Class H (Hedged)		<u>4.8703</u>	<u>5.0109</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
Class S		1.0072	0.9929
Class I		1.0031	0.9900
Class R		0.9982	0.9868
Class H (Hedged)		<u>1.1132</u>	<u>1.0523</u>

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NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial year	77,376,603	81,006,251
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year:		
Creation of units arising from applications		
Class R	2,773,464	23,274,558
Class H (Hedged)	813,417	526,936
	<u>3,586,881</u>	<u>23,801,494</u>
Creation of units arising from distributions		
Class S	29	34
Class I	29	520,633
Class R	85,861	197,343
Class H (Hedged)	5,453	34,618
	<u>91,372</u>	<u>752,628</u>
Cancellation of units		
Class R	(5,660,636)	(23,576,351)
Class H (Hedged)	(434,573)	(5,590,975)
	<u>(6,095,209)</u>	<u>(29,167,326)</u>
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial year	<u>1,030,043</u>	<u>983,556</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year	<u>75,989,690</u>	<u>77,376,603</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of Shariah-compliant investments		28,724,901	136,652,200
Purchase of Shariah-compliant instruments		(25,212,100)	(134,337,450)
Placement of term deposits		(40,663,000)	-
Proceeds from maturity of term deposits		14,314,000	-
Profit income from unquoted sukuk		1,336,500	1,947,010
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions and term deposits		465,601	1,237,433
Management fee paid		(155,732)	(188,886)
Trustee fee paid		(22,725)	(25,093)
Tax agent's fee paid		(4,600)	(3,900)
Shariah adviser's fee paid		(6,463)	(7,950)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(16,404)	(16,557)
Net realised gain on forward foreign currency contracts		25,631	500,233
Net realised foreign exchange loss		(322)	(116,639)
Net cash (used in)/ generated from operating activities		<u>(21,214,713)</u>	<u>5,640,401</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		3,586,881	23,938,977
Payments for cancellation of units		(6,084,788)	(29,167,326)
Distributions paid		(1,937,132)	(1,808,524)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(4,435,039)</u>	<u>(7,036,873)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(25,649,752)	(1,396,472)
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		-	(101)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		28,402,260	29,798,833
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	7	<u>2,752,508</u>	<u>28,402,260</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported financial year. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note L.

(i) Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2023

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 November 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

(ii) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2023 and have not been early adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 November 2023, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

B PRESENTATION AND FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY

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

C FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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

D INCOME RECOGNITION

Profit income from unquoted sukuk and Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions are recognised on an accrual basis using the effective profit method.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

D INCOME RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Profit income is calculated by applying the effective profit rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective profit rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gain and loss on sale of unquoted sukuk is measured by the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amounts of the Shariah-compliant investments (adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium).

Realised gain or loss on Islamic forward foreign currency contracts are measured by the net settlement amount as per the Islamic forward foreign currency contract.

E TAXATION

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable income earned during the financial year.

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its Shariah-compliant investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's sukuk are solely principal and profit. However, these Shariah-compliant securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents and term deposits as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to Manager, accrued management fees, amount due to Trustee, amount due to Shariah Adviser, auditor's remuneration and tax agent's fee as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Shariah-compliant investments are initially recognised at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

Financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the Shariah-compliant financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the Shariah-compliant investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Unrealised gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" category are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income with net gain or loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the financial year in which they arise.

Unquoted sukuk denominated in Ringgit Malaysia are revalued on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency ("BPA") registered with the Securities Commission of Malaysia ("SC") as per the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted sukuk differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

- (a) Records its basis for using a non-BPA price;
- (b) Obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA price; and
- (c) Keeps an audit trail of all decisions and basis for adopting the market price.

Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions and term deposits are stated at cost plus accrual interest calculated based on the effective profit rate method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective Islamic deposits which is the reasonable estimate of fair value due to the short-term nature of the deposits.

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective profit method.

(iii) Impairment

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses ("ECL") using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. The Manager considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any ECL. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these Shariah-compliant instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12 month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment (continued)

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial year.

G CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balance and Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions that is readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

H CREATION AND CANCELLATION OF UNITS

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the definition of puttable instruments classified as financial liability under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation".

The Fund issues cancellable units, in four classes of units, known respectively as the Class S, Class I, Class R and Class H (Hedged), which are cancelled at the unitholders' option and do not have identical features subject to restrictions as stipulated in the Prospectus and Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Fund. The units are classified as financial liabilities.

Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the unitholders exercise the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the unitholder's option at prices based on the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") per unit of respective classes at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. The Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes is calculated by dividing the net asset attributable to unitholders of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

I DISTRIBUTIONS

Distributions are at the discretion of the Fund. A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a finance cost in the statement of comprehensive income when they are appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the Fund. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the year in which it is approved by the Trustee.

J DERIVATIVE

A derivative is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and a financial liability or equity instrument of another enterprise.

The Fund's derivative comprise Islamic forward foreign currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Financial derivative positions will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains or losses on the derivative are recognised in profit or loss when settled or at the date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative. Derivative instruments that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities as fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of Islamic forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates on the date of the statement of financial position, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

K INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders.

L CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information content of the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impact to the Funds' results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgment to be exercised.

M REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF INCREASE OR DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

The analysis of realised and unrealised amount in increase or decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Nomura i-Income Fund 2 (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Master Deed dated 3 May 2021, a First Supplemental Deed dated 2 September 2022 and a Second Supplemental Deed dated 7 March 2023 (collectively referred to as the "Deed") entered into between Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd (the "Manager") and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund was launched on 30 June 2021 and will continue its operations until being terminated by the Manager or the Trustee as provided under Clause 12 of the Deed.

The Fund will invest in RM-denominated Islamic fixed income instruments which are liquid and carries minimal risk of default. The Fund primarily invests in Islamic fixed income instruments including sukuk issued or guaranteed by the Malaysia government, Islamic deposits and/or placement of money at call with financial institutions.

The Fund seeks to provide investors with recurring income on its investments.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds and asset management including providing fund management services to private clients.

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	Financial assets at fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	Financial assets at <u>amortised cost</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>			
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	2,752,508	2,752,508
Term deposits	-	27,057,420	27,057,420
Unquoted sukuk	46,262,998	-	46,262,998
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	20,304	-	20,304
Total	<u>46,283,302</u>	<u>29,809,928</u>	<u>76,093,230</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	57,662	-	57,662
Amount due to Manager	-	10,422	10,422
Accrued management fee	-	13,222	13,222
Amount due to Trustee	-	1,932	1,932
Amount due to Shariah Adviser	-	957	957
Auditor's remuneration	-	14,469	14,469
Tax agent's fee	-	4,876	4,876
Total	<u>57,662</u>	<u>45,878</u>	<u>103,540</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

	Financial assets at fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	Financial assets at <u>amortised cost</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>			
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	28,402,260	28,402,260
Unquoted sukuk	48,986,354	-	48,986,354
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	25,128	-	25,128
Total	<u>49,011,482</u>	<u>28,402,260</u>	<u>77,413,742</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	2,921	-	2,921
Accrued management fee	-	13,909	13,909
Amount due to Trustee	-	1,971	1,971
Amount due to Shariah Adviser	-	1,060	1,060
Auditor's remuneration	-	13,780	13,780
Tax agent's fee	-	3,498	3,498
Total	<u>2,921</u>	<u>34,218</u>	<u>37,139</u>

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (inclusive of price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), liquidity risk, credit/default risk, capital risk and fund management risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deed and SC's Guidelines Unit Trust Funds.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of an investment of the Fund will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk).

The Fund's overall exposure to price risk are as follows:

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*	<u>46,262,998</u>	<u>48,986,354</u>

* Includes profit receivable of RM605,998 (2023: RM151,094).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's NAV and profit after tax to movements in prices of Shariah-compliant investments. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the price of the investments fluctuates by 5% with all other variables held constant.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	<u>Impact on profit</u> <u>after tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2024</u>		
+5	47,939,850	2,282,850
-5	43,374,150	(2,282,850)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>2023</u>		
+5	51,277,023	2,441,763
-5	46,393,497	(2,441,763)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

(b) Interest rate risk

In general, when interest rates rise, valuation for unquoted sukuk will tend to fall and vice versa. Therefore, the NAV of the Fund may also tend to fall when interest rates rise or are expected to rise when interest rates fall. However, investors should be aware that should the Fund hold an unquoted sukuk till maturity, such fluctuations would dissipate as it approaches maturity, and thus the growth of the NAV shall not be affected at maturity. In order to mitigate interest rates exposure of the Fund, the Manager will manage the duration of the portfolio via shorter or longer tenured assets depending on the view of the future interest rate trend of the Manager, which is based on its continuous fundamental research and analysis.

This risk is crucial since sukuk portfolio management depends on forecasting interest rate movements. Sukuk with longer maturity and lower profit rates are more susceptible to interest rate movements.

Investors should note that sukuk is subject to interest rate fluctuations. Such investments may be subject to unanticipated rise in interest rates which may impair the ability of the issuers to make payments of interest and principal, especially if the issuers are highly leveraged. An increase in interest rates may therefore increase the potential for default by an issuer.

The above interest rate is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund regardless whether it is an Islamic fund or otherwise. It does not in any way suggest that the Fund will invest in conventional financial instruments. All the investments carried out for the Fund are in accordance with Shariah requirements.

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's NAV and profit after tax to movements in prices of unquoted sukuk held by the Fund as a result of movement in interest rates. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rates increased and decreased by 1% with all other variables held constant.

	<u>Impact on profit after tax/NAV</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	RM	RM
<u>% Change in interest rate</u>		
+ 1	(73,024)	(86,779)
- 1	73,174	87,005

The Fund's Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions are short term in nature. Therefore, exposure to interest rate fluctuations is minimal.

(c) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with cash holding denominated in United States Dollar. When the foreign currency fluctuates in an unfavorable movement against Ringgit Malaysia, the investments will face currency losses. The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus Ringgit Malaysia based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart of considerations.

The following tables set out the foreign currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:

	<u>Islamic forward foreign currency contracts</u>	<u>Net assets attributable to unitholders RM</u>	<u>Total RM</u>
<u>2024</u>			
USD	(37,358)	1,302,989	1,265,631
<u>2023</u>			
USD	22,207	923,946	946,153

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after tax and NAV to changes in foreign exchange movements at the end of each reporting year. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by 5%, with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in a foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unitholder by approximately 5%. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive and negative.

	<u>Change in foreign exchange rate</u> %	<u>Impact on profit after tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2024</u>		
USD	5	63,282
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>2023</u>		
USD	5	47,308
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Liquidity risk

The Fund maintains sufficient level of Islamic liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by unitholders. Islamic liquid assets comprise cash, Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions, and unquoted sukuk which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days. The Fund aims to reduce its liquidity risk by maintaining a prudent level of Islamic liquid assets.

The table below summarises the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining year as at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk (continued)

	Less than <u>1 month</u> RM	Between 1 month <u>to 1 year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>			
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	57,662	57,662
Amount due to Manager	10,422	-	10,422
Accrued management fee	13,222	-	13,222
Amount due to Trustee	1,932	-	1,932
Amount due to Shariah Adviser	-	957	957
Auditors' remuneration	-	14,469	14,469
Tax agent's fee	-	4,876	4,876
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	75,989,690	-	75,989,690
Contractual cash out flows	<u>76,015,266</u>	<u>77,964</u>	<u>76,093,230</u>
<u>2023</u>			
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,921	2,921
Accrued management fee	13,909	-	13,909
Amount due to Trustee	1,971	-	1,971
Amount due to Shariah Adviser	-	1,060	1,060
Auditors' remuneration	-	13,780	13,780
Tax agent's fee	-	3,498	3,498
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	77,376,603	-	77,376,603
Contractual cash out flows	<u>77,392,483</u>	<u>21,259</u>	<u>77,413,742</u>

* Units are cancelled on demand at the unitholders' option. However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

Credit/default risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or a counterparty to make timely payments of profit or principals payment on the maturity date. This may lead to a default in the payment of principal and profit and ultimately a reduction in the value of the Fund. In the case of the Fund, the Manager will endeavor to minimise the risk by selecting only issues with prescribed and acceptable credit ratings.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit/default risk (continued)

Credit risk arising from placements of Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place Islamic deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

For unquoted sukuk, the Manager regularly reviews the rating assigned by the issuer so that necessary steps can be taken if the rating falls below those described by the Deed and SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund:

	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Term deposits RM	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss RM	Total RM
<u>2024</u>				
Financial services				
- AAA	2,752,508	14,040,013	-	16,792,521
- AA+	-	13,017,407	-	13,017,407
Public Administration				
- Not Rated	-	-	46,262,998	46,262,998
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts				
- AAA	-	-	20,304	20,304
	<u>2,752,508</u>	<u>27,057,420</u>	<u>46,283,302</u>	<u>76,093,230</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Financial services				
- AAA	27,764,797	-	-	27,764,797
- AA1	637,463	-	-	637,463
Public Administration				
- Not Rated	-	-	48,986,354	48,986,354
Islamic forward foreign currency contracts				
- AAA	-	-	25,128	25,128
	<u>28,402,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,011,482</u>	<u>77,413,742</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unitholders of RM75,989,690 (2023: RM77,376,603). The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the Shariah-compliant investment activities of the Fund.

Fund management risk

There is the risk that the management company may not adhere to the investment mandate of the respective Fund. With close monitoring by the investment committee, back-office system being incorporated with limits and controls, and regular reporting to the senior management team, the management company is able to manage such risk. The Trustee has an oversight function over management of the Fund by the management company to safeguard the interests of unitholders.

Fair value estimation

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. an exit price).

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in an active market (such as publicly traded Islamic derivatives and Shariah-compliant securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the year end date.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each year end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised Shariah-compliant financial instruments such as Islamic options, Islamic currency swaps and other over-the-counter Islamic derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other Shariah-compliant instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

For instruments for which there is no active market, the Fund may use internally developed models, which are usually based on valuation methods and techniques generally recognised as standard within the industry. Valuation models are used primarily to value unlisted sukuk, for which market were or have been inactive during the financial year. Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair value estimation (continued)

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds.

The fair values are based on the following methodology and assumptions:

- (i) The carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value for cash and cash equivalent.
- (ii) Ringgit-denominated unquoted sukuk are valued using fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency ("BPA"). Where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by BPA for a specific unquoted sukuk differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use market price, provided that the Manager records its basis for using a non-BPA price, and obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA price.

Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risk, liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

Fair value hierarchy

The Fund adopted MFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement" in respect of disclosures about the degree of reliability of fair value measurement. This requires the Fund to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Unquoted sukuk	-	46,262,998	-	46,262,998
- Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	20,304	-	20,304
	-	46,283,302	-	46,283,302
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	57,662	-	57,662
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Unquoted sukuk	-	48,986,354	-	48,986,354
- Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	25,128	-	25,128
	-	49,011,482	-	49,011,482
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,921	-	2,921

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, including collective investment schemes. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include unquoted sukuk and Islamic forward foreign currency contracts. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets and liabilities are stated in Note F.

The carrying values of financial assets (other than financial assets at FVTPL) and financial liabilities (other than Islamic forward foreign currency contracts) are reasonable approximation of the fair value due to their short-term nature.

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3 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 5.00% per annum of the NAV of each Class of the Fund calculated and accrued on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 31 October 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 0.15% (2023: 0.15%) per annum of the NAV of Class S, at a rate of 0.25% (2023: 0.25%) per annum of the NAV of Class I and at a rate of 0.40% (2023: 0.40%) per annum of the NAV of Class R and Class H (Hedged) respectively, calculated on a daily basis.

There will be no further liability to the Manager in respect of the management fee other than the amounts recognised above.

4 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum.

For the financial year ended 31 October 2024, the trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.03% (2023: 0.03%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis for the financial year (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of the trustee fee other than the amounts recognised above.

5 TAXATION

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Current taxation - local	-	-

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5 TAXATION (CONTINUED)

The numerical reconciliation between net income after finance cost and before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Net income after finance cost and before taxation	1,030,043	983,556
Tax at applicable rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	247,210	236,053
Tax effect of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(783,770)	(908,205)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	496,073	623,996
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for unit trust funds	40,487	48,156
Taxation	-	-

6 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Financial assets at FVTPL:		
- Unquoted sukuk	46,262,998	48,986,354
Net gain on financial assets at FVTPL comprised:		
- Realised gain/(loss) on sale of financial assets at FVTPL	55,207	(239,732)
- Unrealised gain on changes in fair values	512,649	1,201,983
	567,856	962,251

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6 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

Unquoted Sukuk

<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	Fair value as at <u>31.10.2024</u> RM	Percentage of net assets value <u>31.10.2024</u> %
20,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	21,117,407	20,997,314	27.63
15,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	15,026,117	14,941,622	19.66
10,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	10,319,810	10,324,062	13.59
TOTAL UNQUOTED SUKUK			<u>46,463,334</u>	<u>46,262,998</u>	<u>60.88</u>
UNREALISED LOSS ON CHANGES IN FAIR VALUE			<u>(200,336)</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>46,262,998</u>		

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6 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

Unquoted Sukuk

<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Name of Counter</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Cost</u> RM	Fair value as at <u>31.10.2023</u> RM	Percentage of net assets value <u>31.10.2023</u> %
20,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	20,835,992	20,452,401	26.43
15,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	15,312,834	15,212,377	19.66
5,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	5,176,095	5,096,531	6.59
5,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	5,155,656	5,073,557	6.56
3,000,000	Government of Malaysia	Not Rated	3,218,762	3,151,488	4.07
TOTAL UNQUOTED SUKUK			<u>49,699,339</u>	<u>48,986,354</u>	<u>63.31</u>
UNREALISED LOSS ON CHANGES IN FAIR VALUE			<u>(712,985)</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>48,986,354</u>		

7 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	2,702,429	27,764,797
Bank balances in a licensed bank	50,079	637,463
	<u>2,752,508</u>	<u>28,402,260</u>

Weighted average effective profit rates per annum is as follows:

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	<u>2.90</u>	<u>3.78</u>

Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions have an average maturity of 4 days (2023: 27 days).

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8 TERM DEPOSITS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	27,057,420	-
	<u>27,057,420</u>	<u>-</u>

Weighted average effective profit rates per annum is as follows:

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	3.99	-
	<u>3.99</u>	<u>-</u>

Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions have an average maturity of 49 days (2023: Nil).

9 DERIVATIVE AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL")

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	20,304	25,128
	<u>20,304</u>	<u>25,128</u>

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	57,662	2,921
	<u>57,662</u>	<u>2,921</u>

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Net (loss)/gain on Islamic forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised gain on Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	25,632	500,233
- unrealised loss on Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	(59,565)	(481,325)
	<u>(33,933)</u>	<u>18,908</u>

Islamic forward foreign currency contracts as at 31 October 2024 is as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Receivables</u> RM	<u>Payables</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of net asset value of the Fund</u> %
CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad	1,664,482	1,701,840	(37,358)	(0.05)
	<u>1,664,482</u>	<u>1,701,840</u>	<u>(37,358)</u>	<u>(0.05)</u>

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9 DERIVATIVE AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL") (CONTINUED)

Islamic forward foreign currency contracts as at 31 October 2023 is as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Receivables</u> RM	<u>Payables</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund %
Standard Chartered Saadiq Bank Malaysia Berhad	1,219,174	1,196,967	22,207	0.03

The Islamic forward foreign currency contracts are transacted with CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad (2023: Standard Chartered Saadiq Bank Malaysia Berhad). The Islamic foreign currency forward agreement entered into during the financial year to minimise the risk of foreign exchange exposure between the USD and MYR for the Fund.

As at 31 October 2024, the notional principal amount for Islamic forward foreign currency contract is RM1,664,482 (2023: RM1,219,174).

As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting, the change in the fair value of the Islamic foreign currency forward contracts are recognised immediately in the statement of income and expenses.

10 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2024</u> No. of units	<u>2023</u> No. of units
<u>Class S</u>		
At beginning of the financial year	40,193,977	40,193,943
Creation of units during the financial year:		
Arising from applications	-	-
Arising from distributions	29	34
Cancellation of units	-	-
At end of the financial year	<u>40,194,006</u>	<u>40,193,977</u>
<u>Class I</u>		
At beginning of the financial year	31,026,179	30,496,526
Creation of units during the financial year:		
Arising from applications	-	-
Arising from distributions	29	529,653
Cancellation of units	-	-
At end of the financial year	<u>31,026,208</u>	<u>31,026,179</u>

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10 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	No. of units	No. of units
<u>Class R</u>		
At beginning of the financial year	5,904,643	5,831,775
Creation of units during the financial year:		
Arising from applications	2,787,397	23,590,258
Arising from distributions	86,423	200,595
Cancellation of units	(5,691,595)	(23,717,985)
	<u>3,086,868</u>	<u>5,904,643</u>
<u>Class H (Hedged)</u>		
At beginning of the financial year	184,386	1,249,243
Creation of units during the financial year:		
Arising from applications	168,435	108,927
Arising from distributions	1,111	7,337
Cancellation of units	(86,396)	(1,181,121)
	<u>267,536</u>	<u>184,386</u>

11 DISTRIBUTIONS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	RM	RM
Distributions to unitholders are from the following sources:		
Profit income from unquoted sukuk at FVTPL	1,376,603	1,470,900
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions at amortised cost	834,902	1,014,416
Realised gain on Islamic forward foreign currency contracts	-	290,120
	<u>2,211,505</u>	<u>2,775,436</u>
Less: Expenses	(183,001)	(214,284)
	<u>2,028,504</u>	<u>2,561,152</u>

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11 DISTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

During the financial year, distributions per unit were made as follows:

	<u>Gross/net distribution</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>RM/unit</u>	<u>RM/unit</u>
<u>Class S, I and R</u>		
20 December 2023	0.00800	-
18 March 2024	0.00800	-
19 June 2024	0.00280	-
18 September 2024	0.00840	-
4 November 2022	-	0.00680
16 March 2023	-	0.01020
16 June 2023	-	0.01250
18 September 2023	-	0.00330
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>USD/unit</u>	<u>USD/unit</u>
<u>Class H (Hedged)</u>		
20 December 2023	0.00170	-
18 March 2024	0.00170	-
19 June 2024	0.00060	-
18 September 2024	0.00200	-
4 November 2022	-	0.00140
16 March 2023	-	0.00220
16 June 2023	-	0.00270
18 September 2023	-	0.00070
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Gross distribution is derived using total income less total expenses.

Gross distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses divided by the number of units in circulation, while net distribution for unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses and taxation divided by the number of units in circulation.

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12 TRANSACTIONS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Details of transactions with the top 10 financial institutions are as follows:

	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %
<u>2024</u>		
Maybank Islamic Berhad	427,106,000	59.08
CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad	117,244,400	16.22
Public Islamic Bank Berhad	47,361,000	6.54
AmBank Islamic Berhad	36,068,000	4.99
Kuwait Finance House (Malaysia) Berhad	22,800,000	3.15
RHB Islamic Bank Berhad	20,070,000	2.78
AmBank (M) Berhad	15,305,000	2.12
CIMB Bank Berhad	15,299,000	2.12
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	10,024,000	1.39
Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad	6,538,100	0.90
Others	5,137,500	0.71
	<u>722,953,000</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>2023</u>		
Maybank Islamic Berhad	351,943,000	33.10
CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad	303,908,000	28.59
AmBank Islamic Berhad	173,233,000	16.29
Citibank (M) Bhd	55,973,000	5.26
RHB Islamic Bank Berhad	55,050,000	5.18
Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad	25,116,000	2.36
Public Islamic Bank Berhad	22,819,000	2.15
Kuwait Finance House (Malaysia) Berhad	19,263,000	1.81
AmBank (M) Berhad	14,277,600	1.34
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	10,635,100	1.00
Others	30,914,950	2.92
	<u>1,063,132,650</u>	<u>100.00</u>

All financial institutions above are not related to the Manager.

The above transactions were in respect of money market placements and fixed income transactions. Transactions in these investments do not involve any commission or brokerage.

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13 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
TER	<u>0.27</u>	<u>0.29</u>

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A	=	Management fee
B	=	Trustee's fee
C	=	Shariah adviser's fee
D	=	Audit fee
E	=	Tax agent's fee
F	=	Other expenses
G	=	Average NAV of Fund calculated on daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on daily basis is RM75,624,884 (2023: 82,382,075).

14 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
PTR (times)	<u>0.36</u>	<u>1.64</u>

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(Total acquisition for the financial year + total disposal for the financial year) ÷ 2

Average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on daily basis

Where: total acquisition for the financial year = RM25,331,973 (2023: RM135,642,650)
total disposal for the financial year = RM29,035,047 (2023: RM138,131,455)

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15 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related party of and its relationship with the Fund are as follows:

<u>Related party</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd Senior Management of the Manager	The Manager Director(s) of the Manager
Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad for Nomura Global Shariah Strategic Growth Fund	Fund Managed by the Manager

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>No. of units</u>	<u>RM</u>	<u>No. of units</u>	<u>RM</u>
Units held by the Manager:				
Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd				
- Class S	1,080	1,088	1,051	1,044
- Class I	1,080	1,083	1,051	1,040
- Class R	1,081	1,079	1,051	1,037
- Class H (Hedged)	1,016	4,948	1,011	5,066
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Units held by parties related to the Manager:				
Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad for Nomura Global Shariah Strategic Growth Fund				
- Class R	-	-	3,897,339	3,845,894
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The units held by the Manager are held legally for booking purposes.

In addition to the related party disclosure mentioned elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no other significant related party transactions and balances.

Other than the above, there were no units held by parties related to the Manager.

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16 SHARIAH INFORMATION OF THE FUND

The Shariah Adviser has confirmed that the investment portfolio of the Fund is Shariah-compliant, which comprises:

- i) cash placements and liquid assets which are placed in investments and/or instruments in the local market that have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM SAC"); and
- ii) investments of Government Investment Issues and any other Islamic fixed income instruments which have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia or the BNM SAC.

17 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 19 December 2024.

NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2**STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER**

We, Leslie Yap Kim Loong and Atsushi Ichii, being two of the Directors of Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd (the "Manager"), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Manager, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 1 to 32 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 October 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and cash flows for the financial year ended 31 October 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
NOMURA ASSET MANAGEMENT MALAYSIA SDN BHD



LESLIE YAP KIM LOONG
Managing Director



ATSUSHI ICHII
Director

Kuala Lumpur
19 December 2024



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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2 ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 October 2024 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

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

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

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad


Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations


Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
19 December 2024

SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
NOMURA i-INCOME FUND 2

We hereby confirm:

To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd has operated and managed the Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the Shariah principles and requirements and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia or Bank Negara Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters; and

The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council ("SAC") of the Securities Commission Malaysia or Bank Negara Malaysia. As for the instruments which are not classified as Shariah-compliant by the SAC of the Securities Commission Malaysia or Bank Negara Malaysia, we have reviewed the said instruments and confirmed that these instruments are Shariah-compliant.

For ZICO Shariah Advisory Services Sdn Bhd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aida Othman", with a horizontal line underneath.

DR. AIDA OTHMAN
Designated Person Responsible for Shariah Matters Relating to the Fund

Kuala Lumpur

19 DEC 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA I-INCOME FUND 2

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Nomura i-Income Fund 2 (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 October 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 1 to 32.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

Information other than the financial statements and auditors’ report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Manager’s Report, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors’ report thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA I-INCOME FUND 2 (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

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

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA I-INCOME FUND 2 (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NOMURA I-INCOME FUND 2 (CONTINUED)

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers PLT
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS PLT
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Chartered Accountants

Kuala Lumpur
19 December 2024