

# BLOM MSCI SA Select Min Vol Fund

Annual Fund Report

31 December 2021

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## A. Investment Fund Information

### 1) Name of investment fund.

Blom MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund

### 2) Investment Objectives and Policies

**Fund Objective:** The fund seeks to track the investment results of “MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Islamic Custom Minimum Volatility Index” which is composed of Saudi Sharia Compliant Equities.

#### Investment Policies and Practices:

- **Type of securities in which the Fund will primarily invest in:** The Fund will invest in equities listed on the Saudi market. The Fund manager can also maintain up to 5% of the fund's assets in cash to meet redemption requests.
- **Concentration of Investments:** The Fund's investments will be concentrated in the shares of Saudi companies listed on the Saudi market with proportions similar to the constituent weights of the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Islamic Custom Minimum Volatility (USD) Index which is Sharia Compliant.
- **The markets in which the Fund intends to invest in:** The fund manager will be buying and selling shares of Saudi companies listed on the Saudi market.
- **Specific techniques and instruments that may be used in the management of the Fund:** The Fund aims to achieve a performance similar to the performance of the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Islamic Custom Minimum Volatility Index prior to deducting fees and expenses while minimizing the deviation factor between the performance of the Fund and the performance of this index by following a passive investment strategy which invests in a basket of shares with weights similar to those of the index. The decision to invest cash flows in all components of the index or in part (a class view) will take into account that changes in the fund's investment

portfolio and rebalancing of the components weights in the index could lead to additional transaction costs that adversely affect its performance compared to the index which is not subject to those expenses and costs.

- The Fund Manager will re-balance the allocation on a regular basis (at least quarterly) in order to replicate the performance of the index and maintain sufficient cash in the Fund to meet redemption requests.

### 3) Distribution of income and gain policy

Dividends and/or income are reinvested in the Fund not paid out or distributed to investors.

### 4) The Fund Reports are available upon request free of charge at Blominvest Saudi Arabia website:

[WWW.BLOMINVEST.SA](http://WWW.BLOMINVEST.SA)

### 5) Description of the fund's benchmark and the service provider's website.

The Fund's benchmark is MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Islamic Custom Minimum Volatility Index.

The service provider's website is <https://www.msci.com/>

## B. Fund Performance

### 1) Last (3) financial years.

	2019	2020	2021
a) NAV at year-end (SAR)	74,003,922.12	82,385,027.73	103,802,562.35
b) NAV/unit at year-end (SAR)	123.1596	133.0900	173.8584
c) Lowest NAV (SAR)	107.8601	91.7578	131.9866
c) Highest NAV(SAR)	130.0906	134.2096	185.2978
d) Units at year-end	600,878.205	619,017.258	597,052.159
e) Distribution/ unit	-	-	-
f) Expense Ratio	1.06%	1.12%	1.16%
g) percentage of borrowed assets from the total asset value	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
h) Fund's Performance vs Benchmark	Fund's Return : 13.77% Benchmark's Return: 15.35%	Fund : 8.06% Benchmark: 9.65%	Fund : 30.64% Benchmark: 33.02%

### 2) Performance record.

	1 Year	3 Years	Since inception
a) Total Return	30.63%	60.60%	73.86%

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
b) Annual Total Return	-0.14%	8.41%	13.77%	8.06%	30.63%

### c) Fund Expenses

Fee Type	Amount	Pct. Of average NAV
Management Expense	SAR 969,187	1.00%
VAT on Management Expense	SAR 145,378	0.15%
Transaction Expense	SAR 10,850	0.01%
VAT ON Transaction Expense	SAR 1,628	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>SAR 1,127,043</b>	<b>1.16%</b>

### d) The bases for calculating the performance data.

The measures of performance have been consistently applied.:

$$=((P1/P0)-1)*100\%$$

### 3) Material changes that occurred during the period and that affected the performance of the fund.

No Material changes occurred during 2021

### 4) Exercise of annual voting rights.

The Fund manager abstained from voting during 2021

### 5) Fund board meeting.

#### a) Names of Fund Board members, and indicating membership type

1. Mr. Saad Noaman Azhari - Chairman
2. Dr. Fadi Tawfiq Oseiran - Non-Independent Member
3. Mr. Omar Ali Bassal - Independent Member
4. Dr. Omar Al-Manea - Independent Member

#### b) A brief about of the fund board members' qualifications

##### 1- Mr. Saad Noaman Azhari - Chairman

Mr. Azhari holds a master's degree in computer engineering and later a master's degree in Business Administration from University of Michigan Ann Arbor, USA. Mr. Azhari's work from From 1986 to 1991 in BBZ Private Bank, a subsidiary of the UBS Group in Zurich in Switzerland, where he was promoted from Zurich to lead the bank's Middle East operations and Hong Kong office. Mr. Azhari joined the BLOM BANK Group in 1991. Currently running the position of Chairman of the

Board of Directors of BLOM Bank S.A.L. M. And BLOM Business

Bank S.A. M. . He was also appointed since 2001 as Vice-President-elect of the Association of Banks in Lebanon.

## **2- Dr. Fadi Tawfiq Oseiran - Non-Independent Member**

Member of the Board of Directors of Blom Investment Saudi Arabia since 2007 and general manager of BLOM Business Bank SAL. Since 1994. Obtained Dr. Oseiran received a doctorate in economics from New York University in 1987, after which he assumed professional assignments at the Institute of Finance and Banks at the American University of Beirut until 1993. Also, Dr. Oseiran is currently a member of the Council of the Lebanese Economic Association and President of the Lebanese Association of Mediators. Posted by Dr. Oseiran published a number of articles and books related to the economy and banking in Lebanon.

## **3- Mr. Omar Ali Bassal - Independent Member**

Mr. Omar Bin Ali Basal, is Head of Asset Management at Mohammed Ibrahim Al Subaie & Sons Investment Company - MASIC, a family investment company based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he oversees investments in conventional and alternative assets that comply with Islamic principles. Mr. Bassal holds an MBA with honors in finance, management, and statistics from the Wharton School of Business at Penn State University. He also graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, also from The Wharton School.

## **4- Dr. Omar Al-Manea - Independent Member**

The First Board R Dr. Omar is currently working as an assistant professor in the Department of Finance and Investment at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, in addition to his work as a financial advisor in several governmental

and private agencies. Dr. Omar received a PhD in Financial Management from Adam Smith School of Business - University of Glasgow in 2019 AD, and a Master's degree in International Financial Analysis from Adam Smith School of Business - University of Glasgow in 2015 AD. He also obtained the CFA Charter holder Certification in 2019.

### c) The roles and responsibilities of the Fund Board

- Approval of all contracts, decisions and substantial reports to which the Fund is a party, including - but not limited to - approving contracts for providing management services for the Fund, and contracts for providing custody services, and this does not include contracts concluded in accordance with investment decisions regarding any investments it has made Fund or will do so in the future.
- Adopting a written policy regarding voting rights related to the Fund's assets.
- Supervising, and when appropriate, approving or approving any conflict of interest disclosed by the fund manager.
- Meeting at least twice annually with the Fund Manager's Compliance and Compliance Committee or its compliance officer to review the Fund's compliance with all relevant laws, rules and regulations, including - but not limited to - the requirements stipulated in the Investment Funds Regulations.
- Ensure the completeness and accuracy of the terms and conditions of the fund, the information memorandum and any other document, whether a contract or other, that includes disclosures related to the fund and the fund manager and its management of the Fund, in addition to ensuring that the foregoing complies with the provisions of the Investment Funds Regulations.
- Ensuring that the fund manager carries out his responsibilities in the interest of the unit holders in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Funds Regulations, the terms and conditions of the fund and the information memorandum.



- To work with honesty, good faith, interest, skill, care and diligence in a manner that achieves the interests of unit owners.
- Recording the minutes of the meetings that show all the proceedings of the meetings and the decisions taken by the Board.

**d) Details on the remuneration of fund board members.**

The fund manager bears all costs related to the fund's board of directors.

**e) A statement of any conflict or potential conflict of interest between the interests of a fund board member and the interests of the fund.**

Situations in which a conflict of interest may arise:

- Conflict between the interest of the fund manager and the interest of any investment fund he manages.
- A conflict between the interest of the fund and the interest of any other investment fund managed by the fund manager or the interest of a client account.
- Conflict between the interests of the members of the fund's board of directors and the interests of the fund.

Knowing that the fund manager invests at the time in 5 other funds that he manages in addition to his investment in Blom MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund, which are: Blom Saudi Equity Fund , Blom Fund of REIT Funds, Al Mazaya Saudi Equity Fund , Blominvest Freestyle Equity Fund and Blominvest Murabaha Fund, there is no significant conflict of interest between these funds and the fund manager. It should also be noted that two members of the board of directors of the Blom MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund - Mr. Saad Noman Azhari, and Dr. Fadi Tawfiq Oseiran - are members of the board of directors of other funds affiliated with the fund manager, namely: Blom Al Mazaya Saudi Equity Fund and Blom Saudi Equity Fund.

Accordingly, the fund manager reports that there is no conflict of interest between

the interests of the members of the fund's board of directors and the interests of the fund.

**f) A statement showing all the funds boards that the relevant board member is participating in.**

Two members of the board of directors of the Blom MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund - Mr. Saad Noman Azhari, and Dr. Fadi Tawfiq Oseiran - are members of the board of directors of other funds affiliated with the fund manager, namely: Blom Al Mazaya Saudi Equity Fund and Blom Saudi Equity Fund.

**g) Discussion Topics - Board Resolution dated 01/11/2021**

- Fund performance
- Approval of the audited financial statements as of 31 December 2020& the interim condensed financial statements (unaudited) for the six-month period ended 30 June 2021
- The changes made in the terms and conditions of the Fund .
- The Fund's commitment to the relevant laws and regulations.
- The possibility of a conflict of interest.

**Resolutions**

- Approval of Fund performance.
- Approval of financial statements as at 31 December 2020 & the interim condensed financial statements (unaudited) for the six-month period ended 30 June 2021 .
- Approval of The changes made in the prospectus and the terms and conditions of the Fund. The Board of Directors has changed due to the appointment of Dr. Omar AlManea (independent) on 08/09/2021G as in depended board member.
- Approval of Fund's commitment to the relevant laws, regulations and regulations. The fund manager recorded a passive breach as of 1/3/2021 and it was rectified on time.
- Approval of the possibility of a conflict of interest.

## Discussion Topics - Board Resolution dated 29/12/2021

- Fund performance.
- The changes made in the terms and conditions of the Fund (if any).
- The Fund's commitment to the relevant laws, and regulations
- The possibility of a conflict of interest.

## Resolutions

- Approval of Fund performance.
- Approval of the changes made in the terms and conditions of the Fund (if any).
- Approval of The Fund's commitment to the relevant laws, and regulations
- Approval of The possibility of a conflict of interest.

## C. Fund Manager

### 1) Name and address of the fund manager.

Blominvest Saudi Arabia, with its registered office at Al Oula Building, 3rd floor, King Fahad Road, Riyadh, P.O. Box 8151, Riyadh 11482, Saudi Arabia with CMA License number: 08094 - 37.

### 2) Names and addresses of sub-manager and/or investment adviser (if any).

The Fund Manager did not appoint a sub-manager or investment advisor.

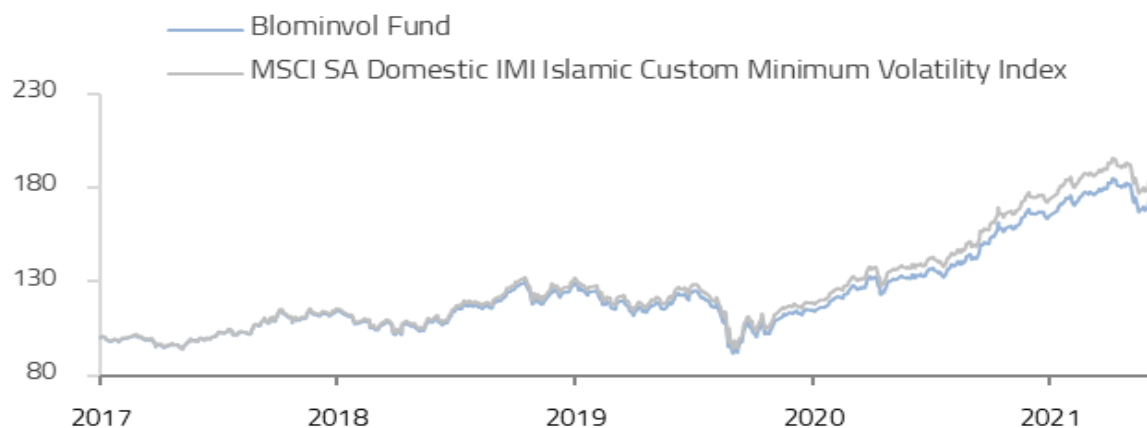
### 3) Investment activities during the period

The Fund, being a strategic Beta Fund, tracks the performance of the MSCI IMI Islamic Custom Minimum Volatility Index. The Fund underwent quarterly rebalances during 2021 which were executed successfully with minimal tracking error. The Fund's tracking difference since the inception is 0.46%.

### 4) Investment fund's performance during the period.

**YTD** : The Fund ended 2021 up + 30.64% vs + 33.02% for the benchmark.

**Since Inception** : The Fund ended 2021 up + 73.86% vs + 84.15% for the benchmark.



#### 5) Details of any material changes made during the period

- Update the financial information of the fund manager to reflect the year ended 2020.
- Update the fund's performance to include the year ended 2021 performance.
- Passive Investment breach as of 1/3/2021 and it was rectified on time.
- changes made in the prospectus and the terms and conditions of the Fund.

The Board of Directors has changed due to the appointment of Dr. Omar AlManea (independent) on 08/09/2021G as in depended board member.

#### Any other information that would enable unitholders to make an informed judgment about the fund's activities during the period.

Not Applicable

#### 6) Investment fund invests substantially in other investment funds

Not Applicable

#### 7) A statement on any special commission received by the fund manager during the period.

The Fund manager did not receive any special commission during the year of 2021.

**8) Any other data and other information required by these Regulations to be included in this report.**

Not Applicable.

**9) Period for the management of the person registered as fund manager**

The registered fund manager has been managing the fund since the fund's inception in 18/7/2017.

**10) A disclosure of the expense ratio of each underlying fund at end of year and the weighted average expense ratio of all underlying funds that invested in (where applicable).**

Not Applicable.

## **D. Custodian**

**1) Name and address of custodian.**

HSBC Saudi Arabia

2nd floor-HSBC Building, Olaya Road

7267 Olaya- Al-Murooj, Riyadh 12283-2255, Saudi Arabia

**2) A brief description of its duties and responsibilities.**

- The custodian is responsible for his obligations in accordance with the provisions of the investment funds regulations, whether he performs his responsibilities

directly or assigns them to a third party in accordance with the provisions of the investment funds regulations and the regulations of financial market institutions.

- The custodian is responsible towards the fund manager and unit holders for the fund's losses resulting from its fraud, negligence, misbehaviour or wilful negligence.
- The custodian is responsible for preserving and protecting the assets of the fund for the benefit of the unit owners, and is also responsible for taking all necessary administrative procedures in relation to the preservation of the fund's assets.



20-Mar-2022

To:

BLOMINVEST SAUDI ARABIA (Fund Manager)

Riyadh - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
 King Fahad Road – Al-Oula Bldg. – 3rd Floor  
 P.O.Box 8151 Riyadh 11482

Subject: Custodian details on Fund Report as per ANNEX 3 Article 76 of the Investment Fund Regulations for the year 2021

Fund Name BLOM MSCI SA Select Min Vol Fund

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**2) Brief description of its duties and responsibilities,**

Custodian is service provider to the Fund in line with article 23 to 30 of Investment Fund Regulations issued by the Capital Market Authority. Below are the brief responsibility of the custodian.

- Opening of segregated accounts for the Fund in the name of the custodian for the benefit of the specific Fund.
- Safekeeping and periodic reconciliation of assets under custody
- Movement of Funds for Fund's investment and Operational purposes based on Fund Manager Instructions
- Settlement of trades after execution and handling corporate action in the Fund portfolio based on Fund Manager Instructions
- Providing periodic statements to the Fund's Managers and the auditors.
- Complying with client money rules and Investment Account Instructions issued by the CMA

We confirm that above mentioned responsibilities on part of custodian have been duly complied.

**We don't have any opinion on the below aspects.**

3) A statement based on its opinion whether the fund manager has:

- issued, transferred and redeemed the units in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Funds regulations and the fund's Terms and Conditions.
- valued and calculated the price of units in accordance with the provisions of The Investment Funds Regulations, the fund's Terms and Conditions and the Information memorandum.
- breached any of the investment restrictions, limitations and borrowing powers applicable to the Investment fund Regulations.

Best Regards,  
 HSBC Saudi Arabia.



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## E. Fund Operator

### 1) Name and address of fund operator

Blominvest Saudi Arabia

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Phone: +966 (11) 4949555, Fax: +966 (11) 4949551, P.O. Box 8151 Riyadh 11482

### 2) A brief description of its duties and responsibilities.

- The fund operator will keep books and records related to the operation of all the funds it operates
- Preparing a register of unit owners and keeping it in the Kingdom
- Subscription or redemption requests shall be treated at the price calculated at the evaluation point following the deadline for submitting subscription and redemption requests
- Implementation of subscription or redemption requests so that they do not conflict with any provisions contained in the investment regulations or the terms and conditions of the fund

### 3) Sub – Fund Operator

#### 1) Name and address of fund operator

HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited

7267 Olaya - Al Murooj, Riyadh 12283-2255

[www.hsbcSaudi.com](http://www.hsbcSaudi.com)

#### 2) A brief description of its duties and responsibilities.

- The sub-operator is responsible for the full and fair evaluation of the Fund's assets
- The sub-operator of the fund is responsible for calculating the unit price of fund .



## E. Auditor & Financial Statements

### 1) Name and address of auditor.

Ernst & Young

Al Faisaliah Office Tower | King Fahad Road | P.O. Box 2732 | Riyadh 11461, Saudi Arabia

The auditors in their "opinion" letter have declared the following:

- a) The financial statements have been prepared and audited in accordance with IFRS standards, the Investment Funds Regulations ,the fund's terms and conditions and the information memorandum;
- b) The financial statements give a true and fair view of the net income and the net gains or losses of the investment fund's assets in that accounting period; and
- c) The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the investment fund at the end of the period.

## F. Financial Statement

Financial Statement (attached) has been prepared in accordance with IFRS standards

**BLOM MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund  
(Managed by Blominvest Saudi Arabia)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT  
AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**31 DECEMBER 2021**



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF BLOM MSCI SAUDI ARABIA SELECT MIN VOL FUND (MANAGED BY BLOMINVEST SAUDI ARABIA)**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Blom MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund (the "Fund") managed by Blominvest Saudi Arabia (the "Fund Manager"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity attributable to the unitholders and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements that are endorsed by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the professional code of conduct and ethics endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements that are endorsed by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants and the applicable provisions of the Investment Funds Regulations issued by the Board of the Capital Market Authority, and the Fund's terms and conditions and the Information Memorandum, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF BLOM MSCI SAUDI ARABIA SELECT MIN VOL FUND  
(MANAGED BY BLOMINVEST SAUDI ARABIA) (CONTINUED)**

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements (continued)**

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's 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 International Standards on Auditing that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF BLOM MSCI SAUDI ARABIA SELECT MIN VOL FUND  
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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)**

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.

for Ernst & Young Professional Services



Fahad M. Al-Toaimi  
Certified Public Accountant  
License No. 354

Riyadh: 27 Sha'ban 1443H  
(30 March 2022)



**BLOM MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2021 SR</b>	<b>2020 SR</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	7	<b>103,608,453</b>	82,293,822
Cash and cash equivalents		<b>295,827</b>	172,340
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>103,904,280</b>	82,466,162
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Management fees payable	9	<b>86,900</b>	80,041
Accrued expenses	9	<b>14,818</b>	1,092
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>101,718</b>	81,133
<b>EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNITHOLDERS (TOTAL EQUITY)</b>		<b>103,802,562</b>	82,385,029
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>103,904,280</b>	82,466,162
Redeemable units in issue		<b>597,052</b>	619,017
Net asset value attributable to each unit		<b>173.86</b>	133.09

The accompanying notes 1 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

BLOM MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund  
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2021</b> <b>SR</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>SR</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Net realised gain on financial assets at FVTPL		<b>15,212,791</b>	1,178,567
Net movement in unrealised gain on financial assets at FVTPL		<b>7,874,099</b>	3,689,093
Dividend income		<b>2,494,408</b>	1,981,867
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>25,581,298</b>	6,849,527
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Management fees	9	<b>(969,187)</b>	(710,333)
Other expenses	8	<b>(157,856)</b>	(84,168)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>(1,127,043)</b>	(794,501)
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>24,454,255</b>	6,055,026
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>24,454,255</b>	6,055,026

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE UNITHOLDERS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 SR	2020 SR
<b>Equity attributable to the unitholders at beginning of the year</b>	<b>82,385,029</b>	74,003,922
<b>Net income and total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>24,454,255</b>	6,055,026
<b>Issuance and redemptions of units:</b>		
Redemptions of units during the year	<b>(3,136,723)</b>	(2,673,919)
Proceeds from units sold during the year	<b>100,001</b>	5,000,000
Net changes from units transactions	<b>(3,036,722)</b>	2,326,081
<b>Equity attributable to the unitholders at end of the year</b>	<b>103,802,562</b>	82,385,029

**REDEEMABLE UNIT TRANSACTIONS**

Transactions in redeemable units during the year are summarised, as follows:

	2021 <i>Units</i>	2020 <i>Units</i>
Units at beginning of the year	<b>619,017</b>	600,878
Redemption of units during the year	<b>(22,602)</b>	(25,430)
Issue of units during the year	<b>637</b>	43,569
Net changes in units	<b>(21,965)</b>	18,139
<b>Units at end of the year</b>	<b>597,052</b>	619,017

The accompanying notes 1 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 SR	2020 SR
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income for the year	24,454,255	6,055,026
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash flows:		
Movement in unrealized gain on financial assets at FVTPL	(7,874,099)	(3,689,093)
Dividend income	(2,494,408)	(1,981,867)
	<u>14,085,748</u>	<u>384,066</u>
Working capital changes:		
Financial assets at FVTPL	(13,440,532)	(5,348,327)
Management fee payable and accrued expenses	20,585	12,630
	<u>665,801</u>	<u>(4,951,631)</u>
Net cash generated from (used in) operations	2,494,408	1,981,867
Dividends received	<u>3,160,209</u>	<u>(2,969,764)</u>
Net cash flows from (used in) operating activities	<u>3,160,209</u>	<u>(2,969,764)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payment on redemption of units	(3,136,723)	(2,673,919)
Proceeds from issuance of units	100,001	5,000,000
	<u>(3,036,722)</u>	<u>2,326,081</u>
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	<u>(3,036,722)</u>	<u>2,326,081</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>123,487</b>	<b>(643,683)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>172,340</u>	<u>816,023</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>295,827</u></b>	<b><u>172,340</u></b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. GENERAL

BLOM MSCI Saudi Arabia Select Min Vol Fund (the “Fund”) is an open ended fund created by agreement between Blominvest Saudi Arabia, a Saudi joint stock Company (the “Fund Manager”) and investors (“unitholders”) in the Fund.

The objective of the Fund is to track the performance of “MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Islamic Custom Minimum Volatility Index” which is composed of Saudi sharia compliant equities. The Fund was established on 22 Jumad Thani 1438H (corresponding to 21 March 2017) as per approval from the Capital Market Authority (the “CMA”) and commenced its operations from 21 March 2017.

The address of the registered office of the Fund Manager is as follows:

Al-Oula Building 3rd Floor , King Fahd Road  
P.O. Box 8151, Riyadh 11482  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Fund has appointed HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited to act as its custodian and administrator. The fees for the custodian and administrator services are paid directly by the Fund Manager.

### 2. REGULATING AUTHORITY

The Fund is governed by the Investment Fund Regulations (the “Regulations”) issued by the CMA on 3 Dhul Hijja 1427H (corresponding to 24 December 2006), and effective from 6 Safar 1438H (corresponding 6 November 2016) by the New Investment Fund Regulations (“Amended Regulations”) published by the Capital Market Authority on 16 Sha’aban 1437H (corresponding to 23 May 2016), detailing requirements for all funds within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The regulations were further amended by Resolution of the Board of CMA number 2-22-2021 dated 1 Rajab 1442H (corresponding to 24 February 2021). The amended regulations were effective form 19 Ramadan 1442H (corresponding to 1 May 2021).

### 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CHANGES TO ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 3.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”), as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants (“SOCPA”) (collectively referred to as “IFRS as endorsed in the KSA”) and applicable provisions of Investment Funds Regulations issued by the Board of Capital Market Authority, Fund’s terms and conditions and Investment memorandum.

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investments at fair value through profit or loss which are stated at their fair value and also using the accruals basis of accounting and the going concern concept.

These financial statements are presented in Saudi Riyal (“SR”), which is the functional currency of the Fund, and all values are rounded to the nearest one Saudi Riyal, except where otherwise indicated.

### 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies applied by the Fund in preparing its financial statements:

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### 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 4.1 Financial instruments

The Fund recognises a financial asset or a financial liability when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

##### (i) Classification

In accordance with IFRS 9, the Fund classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition into the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities discussed below.

In applying that classification, a financial asset or financial liability is considered to be held for trading if:

- a) It is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term;
- b) On initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which, there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- c) It is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument).

##### *Financial assets*

The Fund classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss on the basis of both:

- The entity's business model for managing the financial assets
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset
- *Financial assets measured at amortised cost*  
A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.
- *Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)*  
A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss if:
  - i. Its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding (SPPI); and
  - ii. It is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell; or
  - iii. At initial recognition, it is irrevocably designated as measured at FVTPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

The Fund investments includes investments in equity instruments which are acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuations in price.

##### *Financial liabilities*

- *Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)*  
A financial liability is measured at FVTPL if it meets the definition of held for trading. The Fund does not hold any financial liabilities measured at FVTPL.
- *Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost*  
This category includes all financial liabilities, other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss..

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 4.1 Financial instruments (continued)

##### (ii) *Recognition*

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset.

##### (iii) *Initial measurement*

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial assets and liabilities (other than those classified as at FVTPL) are measured initially at their fair value including any directly attributable transaction costs.

##### (iv) *Subsequent measurement*

After initial measurement, the Fund measures financial instruments which are classified as at FVTPL, at fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of those financial instruments are recorded in net gain or loss on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL in the statement of comprehensive income. Interest and dividends earned or paid on these instruments are recorded separately in interest income or expense and dividend income or expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using effective commission rate (ECR) method.

##### (v) *Derecognition of financial instruments*

###### *Financial assets*

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the Fund's statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership.

When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Fund continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Fund's continuing involvement. In that case, the Fund also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Fund has retained.

###### *Financial liabilities*

The Fund derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

##### (vi) *Offsetting of financial instruments*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is generally not the case with master netting agreements unless one party to the agreement defaults and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 4.1 Financial instruments (continued)

##### (vii) *Impairment of financial assets*

The Fund assesses on a forward looking basis the Expected Credit Losses (“ECL”) associated with its financial assets, carried at amortised cost, the ECL is based on a 12-month ECL and lifetime ECL. The 12-month ECL is the portion of lifetime the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL.

#### 4.2 Trade date accounting

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised / derecognised on the trade date (i.e. the date that the Fund commits to purchase or sell the assets). Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require settlement of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

#### 4.3 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash on hand and short-term deposits in banks that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, with original maturities of three months or less.

Short-term investments that are not held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments and restricted margin accounts are not considered as ‘cash and cash equivalents.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consists of bank balance as described above.

#### 4.4 Accrued expenses

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for services received, whether billed by the suppliers or not. These are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### 4.5 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Fund has an obligation (legal or constructive) arising from a past event, and the costs to settle the obligation are both probable and can be measured reliably. If the effect of time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pretax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risk specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as finance costs.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured.

#### 4.6 Zakat and income tax

Under the current system of taxation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the Fund is not liable to pay any Zakat or income tax as they are considered to be the obligation of the Unitholders and as such, these are not provided in the financial statements.

#### 4.7 Redeemable Units

Redeemable units are classified as equity instruments when:

- The redeemable units entitle the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund’s net assets in the event of the Fund’s liquidation
- The redeemable units are in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments
- All redeemable units in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features
- The redeemable units do not include any contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the holder’s rights to a pro rata share of the Fund’s net assets

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 4.7 Redeemable Units (Continued)

The total expected cash flows attributable to the redeemable units over the life of the instrument are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund over the life of the instrument.

In addition to the redeemable shares having all of the above features, the Fund must have no other financial instrument or contract that has:

- Total cash flows based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund
- The effect of substantially restricting or fixing the residual return to the redeemable shareholders

The Fund continuously assesses the classification of the redeemable shares. If the redeemable shares cease to have all the features, or meet all the conditions set out, to be classified as equity, the Fund will reclassify them as financial liabilities and measure them at fair value at the date of reclassification, with any differences from the previous carrying amount recognised in equity. If the redeemable shares subsequently have all the features and meet the conditions to be classified as equity, the Fund will reclassify them as equity instruments and measure them at the carrying amount of the liabilities at the date of the reclassification.

The issuance, acquisition and cancellation of redeemable shares are accounted for as equity transactions.

No gain or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on the purchase, issuance or cancellation of the Fund's own equity instruments.

The capital of the Fund is SR 59,705,200 (31 December 2020: 61,901,700) divided into 597,052 (31 December 2020: 619,017) participating units of SAR 100 par value. All issued participating units are fully paid. The Fund's capital is represented by these participating units and are classified as equity instruments. The units are entitled to payment of a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value upon winding up of the Fund.

#### 4.8 Net assets value per unit

Net assets value per unit as disclosed in the statement of financial position is calculated by dividing the net assets of the Fund by the number of units outstanding at year end.

#### 4.9 Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised in statement of comprehensive income on the date on which the right to receive the payment for dividend is established. For quoted equity securities, this is usually the ex-dividend date. Dividend income from equity securities designated as at FVTPL is recognised in statement of comprehensive income in a separate line item.

#### 4.10 Net gain or loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")

Net gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL are changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities held for trading or designated upon initial recognition as at FVTPL and exclude special commission and dividend income and expenses.

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the year and from reversal of the prior year's unrealised gains and losses for financial instruments, which were realised in the reporting period. Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments classified as at FVTPL are calculated using the weighted average cost method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount, or cash payments or receipts made on derivative contracts (excluding payments or receipts on collateral margin accounts for such instruments).

#### 4.11 Management fees

Fund management fees are recognised on accrual basis and charged to the statement of comprehensive income. Fund management fee is charged at agreed rates with the Fund Manager and as stated in the terms and conditions of the Fund

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 4.12 Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability; or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

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

The Fund uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

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

- Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis, the Fund determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each year. The Fund determines the policies and procedures for both recurring fair value measurement, and for non-recurring measurement.

At each reporting date, the Fund analyses the movements in the values of assets and liabilities which are required to be re-measured or re-assessed as per the Fund's accounting policies. For this analysis, the Fund verifies the major inputs applied in the latest valuation by agreeing the information in the valuation computation to contracts and other relevant documents. The Fund also compares the change in the fair value of each asset and liability with relevant external sources to determine whether the change is reasonable.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Fund has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy, as explained above.

#### 4.13 Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into SR at the exchange rate at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translations are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into SR at the exchange rate at the reporting date.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as net foreign exchange losses, except for those arising on financial instruments at FVTPL, which are recognised as a component of net gain from financial instruments at FVTPL.

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### 5. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS as endorsed in the KSA requires the use of certain critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Funds' accounting policies. Such judgements, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including obtaining professional advices and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively. Significant areas where management has used estimates, assumptions or exercised judgement are as follows:

#### *Going concern*

The Board of Directors in conjunction with the Fund Manager made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, they are not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis

#### *Fair value Measurement*

The Fund measures its investments in financial instruments, such as equity instruments at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the Fund. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets at the reporting date is based on their quoted price (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs.

### 6. NEW STANDARDS, AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS ADOPTED BY THE FUND

#### *Amendments to IFRS 7, IFRS 9 and IAS 39 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*

The amendments provide temporary reliefs which address the financial reporting effects when an interbank offered rate (IBOR) is replaced with an alternative nearly risk-free interest rate (RFR). The amendments include the following practical expedients:

- A practical expedient to require contractual changes, or changes to cash flows that are directly required by the reform, to be treated as changes to a floating interest rate, equivalent to a movement in a market rate of interest
- Permit changes required by IBOR reform to be made to hedge designations and hedge documentation without the hedging relationship being discontinued
- Provide temporary relief to entities from having to meet the separately identifiable requirement when an RFR instrument is designated as a hedge of a risk component.

These amendments had no impact on the financial statements of the Fund. The Fund intends to use the practical expedients in future periods if they become applicable.

#### *Amendments to IFRS 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions*

On 28 May 2020, the IASB issued Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions - amendment to IFRS 16 Leases. However, these amendments had no impact on the financial statements of the Fund.



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**6. NEW STANDARDS, AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS ADOPTED BY THE FUND  
(continued)**

*Standards issued but not yet effective and not early adopted*

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Fund's financial statements are disclosed below. The Fund intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

Based on the Fund's assessment, the below standards are not expected to have potential impacts on the reported numbers and disclosures.

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Mandatory effective date</b>
IFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
IFRS 1	First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards: Subsidiary as a first-time adopter	1 January 2022
IFRS 9	Financial Instruments: Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities	1 January 2022
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 37	Onerous Contracts: Costs of Fulfilling a Contract	1 January 2022

**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (FVTPL)**

The composition of the financial assets at fair value through profit and loss is summarised below:

<i>Description</i>	<i>2021</i>			
	<i>% of market Value</i>	<i>Cost SR</i>	<i>Market value SR</i>	<i>Unrealised gain (loss) SR</i>
Banks	29.06%	18,420,070	30,107,821	11,687,751
Materials	26.38%	20,779,796	27,335,570	6,555,774
Telecommunication services	8.91%	10,180,779	9,227,266	(953,513)
Energy	8.13%	8,155,858	8,427,678	271,820
Utilities	6.44%	5,426,058	6,674,348	1,248,290
Insurance	6.12%	5,947,951	6,343,283	395,332
Food and beverages	5.07%	6,064,180	5,251,635	(812,545)
Health care equipment and services	2.95%	2,103,243	3,056,753	953,510
Retailing	2.72%	1,989,959	2,817,389	827,430
Food and staples retailing	1.69%	1,433,657	1,746,564	312,907
Real estate management and development	1.26%	997,463	1,302,909	305,446
REITs	0.76%	704,285	782,510	78,225
Pharma, biotech and life science	0.51%	413,079	534,727	121,648
	<b>100%</b>	<b>82,616,378</b>	<b>103,608,453</b>	<b>20,992,075</b>

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**7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (FVTPL) (continued)**

<i>Description</i>	<i>31 December 2020</i>			
	<i>% of market value</i>	<i>Cost SR</i>	<i>Market value SR</i>	<i>Unrealised gain SR</i>
Materials	27.90%	20,503,510	22,956,734	2,453,224
Banks	19.54%	11,734,422	16,076,132	4,341,710
Telecommunication services	11.93%	7,502,984	9,819,257	2,316,273
Food, beverages	7.12%	5,851,433	5,862,547	11,114
Utilities	6.78%	5,290,646	5,581,351	290,705
Insurance	6.27%	4,418,945	5,163,429	744,484
Energy	5.55%	4,431,149	4,566,183	135,034
Health care equipment and services	4.92%	3,219,692	4,048,483	828,791
Retailing	4.48%	2,741,051	3,684,056	943,005
Food and staples retailing	2.54%	1,401,641	2,088,828	687,187
Real estate management and development	1.88%	1,449,700	1,549,768	100,068
Pharma, biotech and life science	1.09%	630,673	897,054	266,381
	100.00%	69,175,846	82,293,822	13,117,976

**8. OTHER EXPENSES**

	<i>2021 SR</i>	<i>2020 SR</i>
Value added tax	<b>147,006</b>	75,268
Transaction fees	<b>10,850</b>	8,900
	<b>157,856</b>	84,168

HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited act as the custodian and administrator of the Fund. The Fund Manager accrues and pays custodian and administration fees directly to HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited annually without charging them to the Fund.

The Fund also pays transaction fees of SR 50 per transaction to the custodian.

**9. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

The Fund pays a management fee at the rate of 1% per annum calculated based on the net assets at each valuation date. The Fund Manager also recovers from the Fund any other expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund including audit fees, Board compensation and other similar charges.

The management fees amounting to SR 969,187 (2020: SR 710,333) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income represent the fees charged by the Fund Manager during the year as prescribed above. The management fees payable to the Fund Manager at the year-end is are follows:

	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Management fees payable	<b>86,900</b>	80,041
Accrued expenses	<b>14,818</b>	1,092

The unitholders' account included 75,569 units as of 31 December 2021 (2020: 32,000 units) held by the Fund Manager.

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**10. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITY**

Set out below is an overview of financial assets, other than cash and cash equivalents, held by the Fund as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020.

	<i>2021</i> <i>SR</i>	<i>2020</i> <i>SR</i>
<i>Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss</i>		
Financial assets at FVTPL)	<u>103,608,453</u>	<u>82,293,822</u>

Set out below is an overview of financial liability held by the Fund as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020.

	<i>2021</i> <i>SR</i>	<i>2020</i> <i>SR</i>
<i>Financial liability at amortised cost</i>		
Management fees payable	<u>86,900</u>	<u>80,041</u>

**11. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Fund. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets at the reporting date is based on their quoted price (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs.

The Fund has only investments at fair value through profit or loss which is measured at fair values and are classified within level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. All other financial assets and liabilities are classified as amortised cost and management believes that the fair value of all other financial assets and liabilities at the reporting date approximate their carrying values owing to their short-term tenure and the fact that these are readily liquid. There were no transfers between various levels of fair value hierarchy during the current year or prior year.

**FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY**

The following table provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Fund's financial assets as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020. There are no other financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value.

	<i>Total</i> <i>SR</i>	<i>Fair value measurement using</i>		
		<i>Quoted prices</i> <i>in active</i> <i>markets</i> <i>(Level 1)</i> <i>SR</i>	<i>Significant</i> <i>observable inputs</i> <i>(Level 2)</i> <i>SR</i>	<i>Significant</i> <i>unobservable</i> <i>inputs</i> <i>(Level 3)</i> <i>SR</i>
<i>As at 31 December 2021</i>				
<i>Financial asset measured at fair value</i>				
Financial assets at FVTPL	<u>103,608,453</u>	<u>103,608,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>As at 31 December 2020</i>				
<i>Financial asset measured at fair value</i>				
Financial assets at FVTPL	<u>82,293,822</u>	<u>82,293,822</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Management believes that the fair value of all other financial assets and liabilities at the reporting date approximate their carrying values owing to their short-term tenure and the fact that these are readily liquid.

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

The Fund's principal financial liabilities are management fees payable. The Fund also has financial assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents and financial assets at FVTPL which are integral and directly derived out of its regular business.

The Fund's financial operations are exposed to following risks.

#### ***Credit risk***

Credit risk refers to the risk that a party to a financial instrument will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Fund. The Fund has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties, for whom the credit risk is assessed to be low. The Fund attempts to control credit risk by monitoring credit exposures, limiting transactions with specific non-related counterparties, and continually assessing the creditworthiness of such non-related counterparties. The Fund maintains bank accounts with high credit rated financial institutions.

The table below shows the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk for components of the statement of financial position.

	<i>2021</i> <i>SR</i>	<i>2020</i> <i>SR</i>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>295,827</u>	<u>172,340</u>

The management has conducted an assessment of allowance of expected credit loss as required under IFRS 9 and based on such an assessment, the management believes that there is no need for any significant impairment loss to be recognised against the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents.

#### ***Liquidity risk***

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in releasing funds to meet commitments associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity risk may result from an inability to sell a financial asset quickly at an amount close to its fair value.

The Fund's terms and conditions provide for redemptions of units twice a week and it is, therefore, exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting Unit holders redemptions. The Fund's investments at fair value through profit and loss are considered to be readily realisable, as the equity investments are listed on the Saudi stock market and can be redeemed any time throughout the week. The Fund Manager monitors liquidity requirements on a regular basis and seeks to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet commitments as they arise.

#### ***Market risk***

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments equals their fair value. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control the market risk exposures within acceptable parameters while optimizing the return. The Funds is only exposed to equity price risk

#### ***Equity price risk***

Equity price risk is the risk of unfavourable changes in the fair values of equity instruments as a result of changes in the value of individual shares. The equity price risk exposure arises from the Fund's investments in equity securities. The Fund's investments are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices. The Board manages this risk through diversification of its investment portfolio in terms of industry concentration.

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*Market risk (continued)*

*Sensitivity analysis*

The table below sets out the effect on profit or loss of a reasonably possible weakening /strengthening in the individual equity market prices by 5% at the reporting date. The estimates are made on an individual investment basis. The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular commission and foreign currency rates, remain constant.

<i>Effect on profit and loss</i>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
		<i>SR</i>		<i>SR</i>
<i>Net movement in gain (loss) on financial assets at FVTPL</i>	+ 5%	<b>5,180,423</b>	+ 5%	4,114,691
	- 5%	<b>(5,180,423)</b>	- 5%	(4,114,691)

*Concentration of equity price risk*

The following table analyses the Fund's concentration of equity price risk in the Fund's equity portfolio, measured at FVTPL by geographical distribution (based on counterparties' place of primary listing or, if not listed, place of domicile).

*% of equity securities and units in funds:*

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<u><b>100%</b></u>	<u>100%</u>

13. MATURITY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled respectively:

	<i>Within 12 months SR</i>	<i>After 12 months SR</i>	<i>Total SR</i>
<i>As at 31 December 2021</i>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	<b>103,608,453</b>	-	<b>103,608,453</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>295,827</b>	-	<b>295,827</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>103,904,280</b>	-	<b>103,904,280</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Management fees payable	<b>86,900</b>	-	<b>86,900</b>
Accrued expenses	<b>14,818</b>	-	<b>14,818</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>101,718</b>	-	<b>101,718</b>

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	<i>Within 12 months SR</i>	<i>After 12 months SR</i>	<i>Total SR</i>
<i>As at 31 December 2020</i>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	82,293,822	-	82,293,822
Cash and cash equivalents	172,340	-	172,340
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>82,466,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,466,162</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued management fees	80,041	-	80,041
Accrued expenses	1,092	-	1,092
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>81,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,133</b>

**14. LAST VALUATION DAY**

The last valuation day of the year was 29 December 2021 (2020: 31 December 2020).

**15. IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

During March 2020, the World Health Organisation (“WHO”) declared the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak as a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe. This outbreak has also affected the GCC region including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Governments all over the world took steps to contain the spread of the virus.

In response to the rapid spread of the virus and the resulting disruption of some social and economic activities and business continuity, the Fund Manager has taken a series of preventive and precautionary measures, including activating of remote work to ensure the safety of its employees and their families.

As of the date of financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, the Fund’s operations and financial results have witnessed impact due to the COVID-19 outbreak mainly as result of decline in the Fund’s investments’ fair values in line with unit price declining trend. The impact of the pandemic on the Fund’s operations and financial results till the date of the financial statements has been reflected in the net assets value and investments value. These developments could further impact our future financial results, cash flows and financial condition and the Fund Manager will continue to assess the nature and extent of the impact on its business and financial results.

**16. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements were approved by the Fund’s management on 27 Sha’ban 1443H (corresponding to 30 March 2022)