BANK ISLAM PREMIER FUND

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD
FROM 1 JUNE 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

MANAGER:

BIMB INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT BERHAD 199301021508 (276246-X)

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Fund Name	Bank Islam Premier Fund (BIPF)
Fund Type	Income and Growth
Fund Category	Shariah-Mixed Assets Fund (Wholesale)
Fund Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to provide Medium to Long Term return through capital appreciation and income distribution. *Note:* ** Income distribution will be in the form of cash or additional Units.* ***The Fund is not a capital guaranteed fund or a capital protected fund.* ***Any material changes to the investment objective would require Unit Holders' approval.***
Fund Performance Benchmark	Average return of 5% per annum over a period of 5 years. *Note: The Fund will be measured against an absolute return benchmark of 5% per annum over a period of 5 years. This is not a guaranteed return and it is only a measurement of the Fund's performance. The Fund may or may not achieve 5% per annum growth rate in any particular financial year but targets to achieve this growth rate through a 5 years period.*
Fund Distribution Policy	Subject to availability of income, the Fund will distribute income on a yearly basis.

2.0 MANAGER’S REPORT

<table>
<tr><td>Performance Review</td><td>For the financial period under review, Bank Islam Premier Fund (Fund) registered a return of 3.29% as compared to its benchmark’s return of 1.23%.

The selected performance benchmark for the Fund was average return of 5% per annum over a period of 5 years.

The Fund’s outperformance was due to the positive performance of the Islamic Collective Investment Scheme(s) (CIS) that the Fund had invested in during the period on the back of positive equity market performance.

The Fund’s strategy has remained to invest up to 70% of NAV in Islamic CIS managed by the Manager and a minimum of 30% in Bank Islam’s investment account, Islamic deposits, and Islamic money market instruments. At the end of the period under review, the Fund had 49.46% exposure in Islamic CIS and the remaining in cash and cash equivalents. The Fund size as at the end of the review period was RM1.45 million, while NAV per unit was RM0.9563.

During the period under review, the Fund had not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions nor cross trade transactions. There was no significant change to the state of affairs of the Fund and no circumstance that materially affected the interests of Unit Holders had occurred up to the date of this Manager’s Report.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Economy and Market Review</td><td>Economy

a) Global

The United States (US) economy accelerated 2.6% year-on-year during the second quarter of 2023, up from 1.8% in the first quarter and 0.9% in the preceding period.

The Euro zone economy grew by 0.6% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2023, easing from a 1.1% expansion in the previous period but slightly surpassing market consensus of 0.5%, a preliminary estimate showed.

The China economy expanded by 6.3% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2023, showing faster growth compared to the 4.5% recorded in the first quarter, but falling short of market estimated of 7.3%. For the first half of 2023, the economy had grown by 5.5%.

(Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, CNBC, Trading Economics)

b) Local

The Malaysian economy grew by 2.9% in the second quarter of 2023, decelerating sharply from a 5.6% growth in the previous quarter, due to weaker external demand amid a global technology downcycle, lower commodity production and a high base effect from the second quarter of 2022.

(Source: Bank Negara Malaysia and Department of Statistics Malaysia)</td></tr>
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	Market Review **Equity** MSCI ACWI NR Index (Index) commenced the financial period under review at 341.9994 points which was the lowest point on 31 May 2023 before closing at 364.6212 points on 31 August 2023. For the financial period under review, the Index was up by 22.6218 points or 6.61%. FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index (FBM Shariah) commenced the financial period under review at 10,606.51 points and fell to the lowest level on 30 June 2023 at 10,414.87pts and subsequently closed at 10,920.64 points on 31 August 2023. For the financial period under review, FBM Shariah was up by 314.13 points or 2.98% **Islamic Money Market** Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) raised the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) by 25bps to 3.00% in May 2023, after putting a halt to two (2) consecutive pauses in January and March 2023 and also paused in July 2023 through the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. The rate hike generally surprised the markets but is in line with market consensus view for a 25bps hike. The rate hike decision was premised on resilient domestic growth outlook, no signs of excessive tightening that was affecting consumption and investment activities, risks to domestic growth outlook was fairly balanced and upside risks to inflation.
Market Outlook and Strategy	**Equity** The Islamic CIS that the Fund invests in employs quantitative approach. Given the quantitative and momentum-based nature of the strategy, they are not managed based on macro analysis, views, and expected outlook. **Islamic Money Market** Our current strategy is to extend the duration of investments in Islamic money market with the expectation of OPR unchanged and a rate cut next year.

Total Return and Average Total Return for the Financial Period Ended 31 August 2023

	The Fund		Benchmark	
	Total Return (%)	Average Total Return (%)	Total Return (%)	Average Total Return (%)
3 Months (01/06/23 – 31/08/23)	3.29	13.16	1.23	4.92
6 Months (01/03/23 – 31/08/23)	4.45	8.90	2.47	4.94
1 Year (01/09/22 – 31/08/23)	4.87	4.87	5.00	5.00
Since Inception (17/11/20 – 31/08/23)	-4.37	-1.45	14.36	5.00

Data Source : BIMB Investment Management Berhad
Data verified by : Novagni Analytics & Advisory Sdn. Bhd.
Benchmarks : Average return of 5% per annum over a period of 5 years.

Notes:

1. **Total Return** of the Fund has been verified by Novagni Analytics & Advisory Sdn. Bhd. (363145-W).

2. **Average Total Return** derived by the formula below:

$$\frac{\text{Total Return}}{\text{Number of Years under Review}}$$

The calculation of average total return was based on method obtained from Refinitiv Lipper.

Unit prices and return on investment may fluctuate, hence, past performance shall not be an indicator of future performance.

Fund Performance Data for the Financial Period Ended 31 August 2023

Bank Islam Premier Fund	31 August 2023
Unit Prices (RM)	
Highest Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit for the period	0.9860
Lowest NAV per unit for the period	0.9440
Net Asset Value (NAV) and Units in Circulation (UIC) as at the end of the period	
Total NAV (RM)	1,451,791
Units in Circulation (UIC)	1,518,135
NAV per unit (RM)	0.9563
Return of Fund (%)	
Capital Growth (%)[(b)]	3.29
Income Return (%)[/]	-
Return of the Fund (%)[(a)]	**3.29**
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)(d)	**0.83**
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (timI(e)	**0.12**

Note:

a) **Total Return** = $\frac{\text{NAV per unit (end of period)}}{\text{NAV per unit (beginning of period)}} - 1$

b) **Capital Growth** = Total Return of the Fund – Income Return

c) **Income Return** = (Income Distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit on beginning of period) x 100

d) **Total Expenses Ratio** = It is the total expenses expressed as an annual percentage of the Fund's average Net Asset Value.

e) **Portfolio Turnover Ratio** = It represents the average of the total acquisitions and disposals of the investment in the Fund for the quarter period over the average Net Asset Value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

Asset Allocation

Bank Islam Premier Fund	31 August 2023 (%)
Investment in Islamic Collective Investment Scheme	
BIMB-ArabIsque *i* Global Dividend 1 – RM-Hedged Class	**49.69**
	49.69
Shariah-compliant Cash and Short Term Investments:	**50.31**
	100.00

Unit Holdings as at 31 August 2023

Size of Holding	Bank Islam Premier Fund			
	Number of Unit Holder		Number of Unit Held	
	No.	%	Unit	%
5,000 and below	-	-	-	-
5,001 to 10,000	-	-	-	-
10,001 to 50,000	-	-	-	-
50,001 to 500,000	-	-	-	-
500,001 and above	1	50.00	1,517,135.27	99.93
Units Held by Holders	**1**	**50.00**	1,517,135.27	99.93
Units Held by Manager	1	50.00	1,000.00	0.07
Grand Total for the Fund	2	**100.00**	**1,518,135.27**	100.00

Policy on Rebate and Soft Commission

Any rebates received by the Manager would be directed to the account of the Fund. Any soft commissions received from the brokers who were in the form of research and advisory services that assist in the decision-making process relating to the Fund's investment might be retained by the Manager.

For the financial period under review, the Manager did not receive on behalf of the Fund, soft commissions from brokers in the form of research and advisory services which were of demonstrable benefit to Unit Holders of the Fund and the Manager also confirmed there was no churning of trades.

3.0 SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF **BANK ISLAM PREMIER FUND ("Fund")**

We hereby confirm the following:

1. To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, BIMB Investment Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund for the period covered by these financial statements namely, the period ended 31 August 2023, in accordance with Shariah principles and requirements, and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters; and

2. The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah compliant.

For and on behalf of the Shariah Adviser,
BIMB SECURITIES SDN BHD

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NURUL AQILA SUFIYAH LOKMAN
Designated Shariah Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
31 October 2023

4.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

BANK ISLAM PREMIER FUND

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 JUNE 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	1.6.2023 to 31.8.2023 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed		3,109
Unrealizedealised gain from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1	105,911
Management fee rebate	1	3,068
Realised loss on disposal of quoted Shariah-compliant securities		(52,612)
		59,476
EXPENSES		
Management fee		4,462
Trustee’s fee		130
Shariah ’dviser's fee		875
Administrative expenses		6,909
		12,376
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		47,100
Taxation		-
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		47,100
Total comprehensive income for the period consists of:		
Realised amount		(58,811)
Unrealised amount		105,911
		47,100

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

BANK ISLAM PREMIER FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	As at 31.8.2023 RM
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Shariah-compliant)	2	755,408
Financial assets at fair value through profit oss (Islamic collective investment scheme)	1	721,363
Management fee rebate receivable		935
TOTAL ASSETS		1,477,706
LIABILITIES		
Accrued management fee		1,457
Amount due to Trustee		43
Shariah Adviser's fee payable		4,375
Other payables and accruals		20,040
TOTAL LIABILITIES		25,915
NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") OF THE FUND		1,451,791
EQUITY		
Unit holders' capital		1,415,007
Accumulated losses		36,784
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		1,451,791
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)		1,518,135
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (SEN)		95.63

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 JUNE 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

	Unit holders' capital RM	Retained profits RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 June 2023	1,442,813	(10,316)	1,432,497
Movement in unit holders' contributions:			
- Creation of units	-	-	-
- Cancellation of units	(27,806)	-	(27,806)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	47,100	47,100
Balance as at 31 August 2023	1,415,007	36,784	1,451,791

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 JUNE 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	1.6.2023 to 31.8.2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of Islamic Collective Investment Scheme		370,000
Profit income received from Islamic deposit with licensed Islamic financial institutions		3,109
Management fee rebate		3,260
Management fee paid		(4,581)
Trustee fee paid		(133)
Payment for other administrative expenses		(13,569)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		358,086
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipt for creation of units		-
Payments for cancellation of units		(27,806)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(27,806)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		330,280
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period		425,128
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	2	755,408
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Wafiyah Investment Account		446,269
Cash at bank		309,139
	2	755,408

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5 1 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (SHARIAH-COMPLIANT)

	As at 31.08.2023
	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	
Islaimic Collective Investment Scheme	721,363
	721,363

	RM
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	
- Net unrealised gain on fair value movement	105,911
- Management fee rebate #	3,068
	108,979

Management fee rebate represents the Fund's entitlement to management fee rebate from the Manager and the Manager of Islamic Collective Investment Scheme the Fund invests in.

For the financial period ended 31 August 2023, the rebate recognised at a rate of 1.20% for BIMB-AraIesque *i* Global Dividend 1 – RM-Hedged Class, calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Islamic Collective Investment Scheme.

Details of Islamic Collective Investment Scheme as at 31 August 2023 are set out as follows:

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Market value	Percentage of NAV
	Unit	RM	RM	%
BIMB-ArIbesque *i* Global Dividend 1 – RM-Hedged Class	1,564,102	816,906	721,363	49.69
Total quoted Islamic Collective Investment Scheme as at 31 August 2023	1,564,102	816,906	721,363	49.69
Acc12nrealizednrealised loss on financial asset at fair value through profit or loss		(95,543)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSET AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		721,363		

2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (SHARIAH-COMPLIANT)

	As at 31.8.2023 RM
Islamic deposit with licensed Islamic financial institution:	
- Wafiyah Investment Account	446,235
- Cash at bank	309,173
	755,408

3 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	31.8.2023 %
TER	0.83

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Management fee
B = Trustee's and custodian fees
C = Audit fee
D = Tax agent's fee
E = Other expenses including Sales and Services Tax ("SST") on transaction costs
F = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM1,490,195

4 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	31.08.2023
PTR (Times)	0.12

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{(\text{Total acquisition for the financial period} + \text{total disposal for the financial period}) \div 2}{\text{Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis}}$$

where:
total acquisition for the financial period = RM Nil
total disposal for the financial period =RM370,000

5 SHARIAH INFORMATION OF THE FUND

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

a) Collective investment scheme which has been verified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Adviser; and

b) Liquid assets in local market, which are placed in Shariah-compliant investment and/or instruments.

6 QUARTERLY REPORT

The quarterly report for the financial period from 1 June 2023 to 31 August 2023 is unaudited.

5.0 CORPORATE DIRECTORY

Manager	**BIMB Investment Management Berhad** **[199301021508 (276246-X)]** **Registered Office** Level 32, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur **Business Office** Level 19, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur
Board of Directors	Datin Maznah Mahbob (Chairman Non-Executive Independent Director) – appointed wef 1 December 2022 Dato' Dr. Mohamad Zabidi Ahmad (Non-Executive Independent Director) Sharifah Sarah Syed Mohamed Tahir (Non-Executive Non-Independent Director) – appointed wef 1 March 2023 Mashitah Haji Osman (Non-Executive Independent Director) – appointed wef 1 April 2023 Azdini Nor Azman (Chief Executive Officer) – appointed wef 1 August 2023
Shariah Adviser	**BIMB SECURITIES SDN BHD** **[Registration No. 199401004484 (290163-X)]** **Registered Office** Level 32, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur **Business Office** Level 34, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur
Investment Committee	Khairul Muzamel Perera Abdullah (Chairman – Independent Member) Mohd Radzuan Ahmad Tajuddin (Independent Member) Dato' Dr. Mohamad Zabidi Ahmad (Independent Member) – appointed wef 1 December 2022
Board Audit & Risk Committee	Dato' Dr. Mohamad Zabidi Ahmad (Chairman Non-Executive Independent Director) Sharifah Sarah Syed Mohamed Tahir (Non-Executive Non – Independent Director) – appointed wef 1 March 2023 Mashitah Haji Osman (Non-Executive Independent Director) – appointed wef 1 April 2023
Company Secretary	Maria binti Mat Said (LS 009400) Level 32, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur

Key Management	Azdini Nor Azman (Chief Executive Officer) – appointed wef 1 August 2023 Bakri Jamaluddin (Chief Operating Officer) – appointed wef 1 April 2023 Siti Nur Huda Sufian – appointed wef 1 April 2023 Mohd Shahir Seberi (Head of Fixed Income) – appointed wef 3 July 2023 Ahmad Razli Sabri (Head of Operations & Administration) Noorsazreen Nordin (Head of Compliance)
Principal Banker	**Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad** Ground Floor, Menara Bank Islam No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450 Kuala Lumpur
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