

BANK ISLAM PREMIER FUND

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD
FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024



MANAGER:

BIMB INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT BERHAD 199301021508 (276246-X)

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1.0 FUND KEY INFORMATION

Fund Name	Bank Islam Premier Fund (BIPF)
Fund Type	Income and Growth
Fund Category	Shariah-Mixed Assets Fund (Wholesale)
Fund Investment Objective	<p>The Fund seeks to provide Medium to Long Term return through capital appreciation and income distribution.</p> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <p>* <i>Income distribution will be in the form of cash or additional Units.</i></p> <p>**<i>The Fund is not a capital guaranteed fund or a capital protected fund.</i></p> <p><i>Any material changes to the investment objective would require Unit Holders' approval.</i></p>
Fund Performance Benchmark	<p>Average return of 5% per annum over a period of 5 years.</p> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
Fund Distribution Policy	Subject to availability of income, the Fund will distribute income on a yearly basis.

2.0 MANAGER’S REPORT

<p>Performance Review</p>	<p>For the financial period under review, Bank Islam Premier Fund (BIPF) (“the Fund”) registered a return of 5.46% as compared to its benchmark’s return of 1.23%, translating to an outperformance of 4.23%.</p> <p>The selected performance benchmark for the Fund was an average return of 5% per annum over a period of 5 years.</p> <p>The Fund’s outperformance was due to the favorable performance of the Islamic Collective Investment Scheme(s) (CIS) that the Fund had invested in during the quarter.</p> <p>The Fund’s strategy maintains a focus on allocating up to 70% of Net Asset Value (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 held a substantial 66.76% exposure in Islamic CIS, with the remaining portion allocated to cash and cash equivalents. The Fund size as at end of the period under review was RM1.48 million, while NAV per unit was RM1.01.</p> <p>During the period under review, the Fund had not undertaken any securities lending, repurchase transactions or cross trade transactions. There were no changes to the Information Memorandum for the Fund that took place during the period under review, and no circumstances that could have significantly affected unit holders that occurred up to the date of this Manager’s Report.</p>
<p>Economy and Market Review</p>	<p>Economy</p> <p>Global</p> <p>The United States (US) economy accelerated 3.2% year-on-year during the fourth quarter of 2023, down from 4.9% in the third quarter due to declines in private inventory investment and slowdowns in federal government spending, residential fixed investment, and consumer spending. Imports also decelerated.</p> <p>The Euro zone economy was flat in the fourth quarter of 2023 against the previous quarter and up 0.1% against the same period of 2022. Biggest economy Germany still contracted 0.3% quarter on quarter, second biggest France was flat and third biggest Italy grew 0.2% while the output of fourth biggest Spain jumped 0.6%.</p> <p>The China economy expanded by 5.2% year-on-year in the fourth quarter of 2023, showing faster growth compared to the 4.9% recorded in the third quarter, driven by an increase in industrial production activity. For the full year of 2023, the economy had grown by 5.2%.</p> <p><i>(Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, CNBC, Trading Economics)</i></p>

	<p>Local</p> <p>Malaysia's economy grew by 3.0% in the fourth quarter of 2023, softer services and construction growth together with sluggish manufacturing output were key factors weighing on overall GDP growth in 4Q23. For the full year of 2023, Malaysia's economy expanded by 3.7%.</p> <p><i>(Source: Bank Negara Malaysia and Department of Statistics Malaysia)</i></p> <p>Market Review</p> <p>Equity</p> <p>MSCI ACWI NR Index (Index) commenced the financial period under review at 370.33 points. It reached its lowest point on 6 December 2023 at 369.60 points before closing at 407.14 points on 29 February 2024. Throughout the financial period under review, the Index experienced an increase of 36.8 points or 9.94%.</p> <p>The FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index (FBM Shariah) commenced the financial period under review at 10,929.36 points. It declined to its lowest level on 7 December 2023, reaching 10,728.06 points, before ultimately closing at 11,527.99 points on 29 February 2024. Throughout the financial period under review, FBM Shariah experienced an increase of 598.63 points or 5.48%.</p> <p>Islamic Money Market</p> <p>During period under review, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.00%. The paused of OPR during the period under review was widely expected by the market. The Monetary Policy statement kept a neutral tone with no changes made to the forward guidance.</p>
<p>Market Outlook and Strategy</p>	<p>Equity</p> <p>The resilience and upward trajectory of heavyweight players within the basket of global blue-chip stocks have assuaged anxieties regarding potential shifts in monetary policy. Instead, market participants are predominantly fixated on the promising outlook for technology-driven companies and their pivotal role in shaping future market dynamics. This rally underscores the growing investor confidence in the potential of artificial intelligence technologies to drive innovation and profitability within the sector. Amidst this backdrop, the investment strategy continues to favor the global equity market, with a notable allocation earmarked for technology fund.</p> <p>Islamic Money Market</p> <p>BNM is expected to maintain the OPR at 3.0% throughout 2024 on expectation of stronger economic growth. Nonetheless, future monetary policy stance will remain data dependent. In terms of strategy, we intend to continue investing principally in Islamic money market instruments with the objective to optimise return while providing regular income and liquidity for investors.</p>

Total Return and Average Total Return for the Financial Period Ended 29 February 2024

	The Fund		Benchmark	
	Total Return (%)	Average Total Return (%)	Total Return (%)	Average Total Return (%)
3 Months (01/11/23 – 29/02/24)	5.46	21.84	1.23	4.92
6 Months (01/09/23 – 29/02/24)	5.64	11.28	2.47	4.94
1 Year (28/02/23 – 29/02/24)	10.33	10.33	5.00	5.00
Since Inception (17/11/20 – 29/02/24)	1.02	0.26	17.18	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 had 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 29 February 2024

Bank Islam Premier Fund	29 February 2024
Unit Prices (RM)	
Highest Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit for the period	1.0137
Lowest NAV per unit for the period	0.9598
Net Asset Value (NAV) and Units in Circulation (UIC) as at the end of the period	
Total NAV (RM)	1,483,622
Units in Circulation (UIC)	1,468,630
NAV per unit (RM)	1.0102
Return of Fund (%)	
Capital Growth (%) ^(a)	5.46
Income Return (%) ^(b)	-
Return of the Fund (%)^(c)	5.46
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)^(d)	0.62
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)^(e)	0.07

Note:

- a. **Capital Return** = $\frac{\text{NAV per unit (end of period/year)} - \text{NAV per unit (beginning of period/year)}}{\text{NAV per unit (beginning of period/year)}} - 1$
- b. **Income Return** = $\frac{\text{Income Distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit on beginning of year}}{\text{NAV per Unit on beginning of year}} \times 100$
- c. **Total Return** = $(1 + \text{Capital return}) \times (1 + \text{Income return}) - 1$
- d. **Total Expenses Ratio** = It is the total expenses expressed as quarterly 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	29 February 2024 (%)
Investment in Islamic Collective Investment Scheme	
BIMB-Arabesque i Global Dividend Fund 1 – RM-Hedged Class	53.32
BIMB-ARABESQUE Global Shariah-ESG AI Technology Fund – RM Class	13.45
	66.77
Shariah-compliant Cash and Short Term Investments:	33.23
	100.00

Unit Holdings as at 29 February 2024

Size of Holding	Bank Islam Premier Fund			
	No. of Unit Holders		No. of Units 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	1,467,630.32	99.93
Units Held by the Unit Holders	1	50.00	1,467,630.32	99.93
Units Held by the Manager	1	50.00	1,000.00	0.07
Grand Total for the Fund	2	100.00	1,468,630.32	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 29 February 2024, 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
30 April 2024

4.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

BANK ISLAM PREMIER FUND

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	11.2.2023 to <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividend income		-
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed Islamic financial institutions		5,015
Unrealised gain from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1	75,266
Management fee rebate	1	2,354
Realised gain on disposal of quoted Shariah-compliant securities		-
Other income		7,800
		<u>90,435</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee		4,436
Trustee's fee		129
Administrative expenses		7,054
		<u>11,619</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		78,816
Taxation		-
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u>78,816</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period consists of:		
Realised amount		3,550
Unrealised amount		75,266
		<u>78,816</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Shariah-compliant)	2	511,545
Financial assets at fair value through profit loss (Islamic Collective Investment Scheme)	1	990,532
Management fee rebate receivable		<u>840</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,502,917</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accrued management fee		1,412
Amount due to Trustee		41
Shariah Adviser's fee payable		4,375
Other payables and accruals		<u>13,467</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>19,295</u>
NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") OF THE FUND		<u>1,483,622</u>
EQUITY		
Unit holders' capital		1,365,557
Accumulated losses		<u>118,065</u>
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>1,483,622</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)		1,468,630
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (SEN)		<u>1.0102</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Unit holders' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained <u>profits</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 December 2023	1,415,007	39,249	1,454,256
Movement in unit holders' contributions:			
- Creation of units	-	-	-
- Cancellation of units	(49,450)	-	(49,450)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	78,816	78,816
Balance as at 29 February 2024	<u>1,365,557</u>	<u>118,065</u>	<u>1,483,622</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	1.12.2023 to <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Islamic Collective Investment Scheme		(200,000)
Profit income received from Islamic deposits with licensed Islamic financial institutions		5,015
Management fee rebate		2,210
Management fee paid		(4,449)
Trustee fee paid		(130)
Payment for other administrative expenses		(6)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<u>(197,360)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipt for creation of units		-
Payments for cancellation of units		(49,450)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		<u>(49,450)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(246,810)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period		<u>758,355</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	2	<u>511,545</u>
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Wafiyah Investment Account		501,413
Cash at bank		10,132
	2	<u>511,545</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024

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

	As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	
Islamic Collective Investment Scheme	<u>990,532</u>
	<u><u>990,532</u></u>
	RM
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	
- Net unrealised gain on fair value movement	75,266
- Management fee rebate #	<u>2,354</u>
	<u><u>77,620</u></u>

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 29 February 2024, the rebate recognised at a rate of 1.20% for BIMB-Arabesque / Global Dividend Fund 1 – RM-Hedged Class and BIMB-ARABESQUE Global Shariah-ESG AI Technology Fund – RM Class, calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Islamic Collective Investment Scheme.

Details of Islamic Collective Investment Scheme as at 29 February 2024 are set out as follows:

<u>Name of counter</u>	<u>Quantity</u> Unit	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Market <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
BIMB-Arabesque / Global Dividend Fund 1 –				
RM-Hedged Class	1,664,571	860,701	791,004	13.45
BIMB-ARABESQUE Global Shariah-ESG AI Technology Fund – RM Class	<u>673,854</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>199,528</u>	<u>53.32</u>
	<u>2,338,425</u>	<u>1,060,701</u>	<u>990,532</u>	<u>66.77</u>
Total quoted Islamic Collective Investment Scheme as at 29 February 2024	<u>2,338,425</u>	1,060,701	<u>990,532</u>	<u>66.77</u>
Accumulated unrealised loss on financial asset at fair value through profit or loss		<u>(70,169)</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSET AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u><u>715,266</u></u>		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (SHARIAH-COMPLIANT)

	As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
Islamic deposits with licensed Islamic financial institutions:	
- Wafiyah Investment Account	501,413
- Cash at bank	<u>10,132</u>
	<u>511,545</u>

3 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	<u>29.2.2024</u> %
TER	<u>0.62</u>

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 RM1,484,544

4 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	<u>29.2.2024</u>
PTR (times)	<u>0.07</u>

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 = RM200,000
total disposal for the financial period = RM Nil

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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) Cash placements and 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 December 2023 to 29 February 2024 is unaudited.

5.0 CORPORATE DIRECTORY

Manager	<p>BIMB Investment Management Berhad [Registration No.: 199301021508 (276246-X)]</p> <p>Registered Office Level 32, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur</p> <p>Business Office Level 19, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur</p>
Board of Directors	<p>Datin Maznah Mahbob (Chairman Non-Executive Independent Director) 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</p>
Shariah Adviser	<p>BIMB SECURITIES SDN BHD [Registration No.: 199401004484 (290163-X)]</p> <p>Registered Office Level 32, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur</p> <p>Business Office Level 34, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur</p>
Investment Committee	<p>Khairul Muzamel Perera Abdullah (Chairman – Independent Member) Mohd Radzuan Ahmad Tajuddin (Independent Member) Dato' Dr. Mohamad Zabidi Ahmad (Independent Member)</p>
Board Audit & Risk Committee	<p>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</p>
Company Secretary	<p>Maria Mat Said (LS 009400) Level 32, Menara Bank Islam, No. 22, Jalan Perak 50450, Kuala Lumpur</p>
Key Management	<p>Azdini Nor Azman (Chief Executive Officer) – appointed wef 1 August 2023 Bakri Jamaluddin (Chief Operating Officer) – appointed wef 1 April 2023 Nazifah Mohd Arshad (Head of Equity) – Appointed wef 27 December 2023 Mohd Shahir Seberi (Head of Fixed Income) – appointed wef 2 August 2023 Ahmad Razli Sabri (Head of Fund Operations & Administration) Noorsazreen Nordin (Head of Compliance)</p>

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