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**AUDITORS' REPORT**

**OF**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**OF**

**POPULAR LIFE 1<sup>ST</sup> MUTUAL FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**



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**Independent Auditor's Report  
To the Unit Holders  
of  
Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund (the Fund), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, 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 Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

**Basis for Opinion:**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Bangladesh, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matters**

We would like to draw attention of the users of this report on the fact that Regent Spinning Mills Corporate Bond-2015 is a non-performing investment (See note 6.04) and the Bond maturity date has already been expired. The Bond issuer has not paid any coupon interest since FY 2019-2020. Bond Trustee and the Asset Management Company representing the bondholders are pursuing the recovery of the overdue amounts (principal and interest) from the bond's issuer.

**Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and is doing so consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

**Key Audit Matters:**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. Key audit matters were identified in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate



opinion on these matters. We summarize below the key audit matters in arriving at our audit opinion above, together with our key audit procedures to address those matters and, as required for public limited entities, our results from those procedures.

Risk	Our response to the risk
<b>Revenue/ Financial Income:</b>	
Revenue Income constitutes income generated from the fund from sales of securities, dividend and interest income.	<p>With respect to Financial Income in respect of Fund Management we carried out the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The design and operating effectiveness of key controls around Financial Income recognition process.</li> <li>• Carried out analytical procedures and recalculated Financial Income for the period.</li> <li>• Ensured on a sample basis that the Financial Income was being accrued/accounted properly.</li> <li>• Ensured on a sample basis that the Financial Income was being credited in the designated bank account.</li> </ul>
<b>Investments in Securities:</b>	
<p>The Fund's investment portfolio listed which is carried at market value makes up 75% of the total assets as at 30 June 2023. This is considered to be the key driver of the Fund's assets and revenue performance.</p> <p>The market value of financial instruments that are upgraded in an active market is determined based on the market price as on 30 June 2023.</p>	<p>With respect to Valuation of Investments in respect of Fund Management we carried out the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The design and operating effectiveness of key controls around Valuation of Investments recognition process.</li> <li>• Carried out analytical procedures and verify the valuation of Investments at fair value/market value for the period</li> <li>• Ensured on a sample basis that the Valuation of Investments was correct and exists at the balance sheet date.</li> <li>• Comparing observable inputs against independent sources and externally available market data.</li> </ul>
<b>Advance deposits and Prepayments:</b>	
Advance, deposit and prepayments Tk. 22,286,439.00 for advance against Tax, security deposit -CDBL and prepayments for annual regulatory fee. Note No. 10.	<p>We have tested the maintaining effectiveness of the advance, deposit and assets position held by the Company. Additionally, we performed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain tax challans and verified those by online system.</li> <li>• Obtain money receipts from CDBL.</li> <li>• Obtain pay slips and other evidences for regulatory fee.</li> </ul>
<b>Management Fee:</b>	
Management fee of Tk. 34,090,493.00 represents 73.95% of the total expense for the year ended 30 June 2023.	<p>With respect to Management fee, we carried out the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management fee is calculated as per the rate mentioned in the trust deed and prospectus on annual average on weekly NAV.</li> <li>• Tested some sample basis voucher with ledger balance.</li> <li>• Assessing the adequacy expense recognition, measurement and disclosures made for the expense in the financial statements.</li> </ul>
<b>Dividen Income</b>	
Dividend income of Tk. 85,004,905.00 represents major	We have tested the design and operating effectiveness of controls around the due and receivable recording process



<p>portion of the total income for the year ended 30 June 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and assess observable inputs against independent sources and externally available market data.</li> <li>• Re-performing the calculations used to check Accuracy and correctness of information.</li> <li>• Ensured on a sample basis that the Dividend Income was being credited in the designated bank account.</li> <li>• Assessing the adequacy revenue recognition, measurement and disclosures made for income in the financial statements.</li> </ul>
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### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements and Internal Controls**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala-2001 and other applicable Laws and Regulations 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.

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 ISAs 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 ISAs, 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.
- 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's 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.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with the Companies Act 1994, the Securities and Exchange Rules 1987 and the relevant notification issued by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, we also report the following:

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit and made due verification thereof;
- b) In our opinion, proper books of accounts, records and other statutory books as required by law have been kept by the Fund so far as it appeared from our examination of those books;
- c) The Fund's Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows of the Fund together with the Annexed Notes dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of accounts and returns; and
- d) The investment was made as per Rule 56 of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala, 2001; and
- e) The expenditure incurred and payments made were for the purpose of the Fund's business.
- f) The information and explanation required by us have been received and found satisfactory.

Place: Dhaka  
Date: 31 August, 2023

**Md. Belayet Hossain FCA**  
Partner, Enrolment No:1480, ICAB  
K. M. Alam & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
DVC: 2308311480AS974394



**Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at June 30, 2023**

Particulars	Notes	Amount in Taka	
		30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Investment in marketable securities-at fair value	5.00	2,325,130,139	2,099,409,960
Investment in non-listed securities-at fair value	6.00	631,723,220	719,135,747
Cash & Cash equivalents	7.00	108,195,822	452,366,468
Preliminary & Issue Expenses	8.00	7,713,347	8,768,979
Others Receivable	9.00	7,739,466	13,165,614
Advance, Deposit & Prepayments	10.00	22,286,439	7,798,139
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,102,788,432</b>	<b>3,300,644,908</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Liabilities for expenses	11.00	18,681,178	17,365,090
Unclaimed Dividend	7.01	11,344,873	8,825,088
Other liabilities	12.00	3,456,040	155,916
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>33,482,090</b>	<b>26,346,094</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>3,069,306,342</b>	<b>3,274,298,814</b>
<b>OWNERS' EQUITY</b>			
Capital Fund	13.00	2,990,890,270	2,990,890,270
Dividend Equalization & TRR Reserve		67,090,173	67,090,173
Retained Earnings		11,325,900	216,318,372
		<b>3,069,306,342</b>	<b>3,274,298,814</b>
<b>Net Assets Value (NAV)-at Cost</b>	14.00	3,363,951,291	3,497,177,316
No. of unit		299,089,027	299,089,027
		<b>11.25</b>	<b>11.69</b>
<b>Net Assets Value (NAV)-at Fair Value</b>	14.00	3,069,306,342	3,274,298,814
No. of unit		299,089,027	299,089,027
		<b>10.26</b>	<b>10.95</b>

*These financial statement should be read in conjunction with annexed notes.*



**Asset Manager**

Bangladesh RACE Management PCL




**Trustee**

Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited

Signed in terms of our separate report of even date annexed

Dated: Dhaka  
August 31, 2023

  
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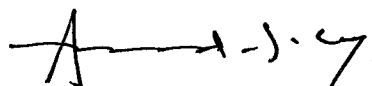
**Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund**  
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2023**

Particulars	Notes	Amount in Taka	
		30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Net profit on sale of securities	15.00	(20,517,184)	302,014,391
Dividend from investment	16.00	85,004,905	75,110,626
Interest Income	17.00	19,764,348	48,844,790
		<b>84,252,068</b>	<b>425,969,808</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Management fee	18.00	34,090,493	38,376,341
Amortization of Preliminary & Issue Expenses	8.00	1,055,632	1,055,632
Trustee fee	19.00	3,363,036	3,495,857
BSEC annual fee	20.00	2,990,890	2,990,890
Custodian fee	21.00	1,941,292	2,307,751
CDBL Charges	22.00	351,787	587,799
CSE annual fee		600,000	602,465
DSE annual fee		600,000	602,465
Bank Charges		184,649	340,849
Audit fee		87,000	60,000
Expenses for Capital Market Stabilization Fund	23.00	481,148	475,654
Printing Publication & IPO Expenses		354,181	946,704
		<b>46,100,109</b>	<b>51,842,408</b>
<b>Net profit before Provision</b>		<b>38,151,959</b>	<b>374,127,400</b>
(Total Provision for VAT,Tax and Write off)/ write back against erosion of fair value	24.00	(33,782,112)	(273,159,333)
<b>Net Profit after Provision transferred to retained earnings</b>		<b>4,369,847</b>	<b>100,968,067</b>
<b>Earnings Per Unit (EPU) for the year</b>	25.00	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.34</b>

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Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund  
Statement of Changes in Equity  
For the year ended June 30, 2023

Amount in Taka

Particulars	Capital Fund	Dividend Equilization & TRR Reserve	Unrealized Gain	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance at July 01, 2022	2,990,890,270	67,090,173	-	216,318,372	3,274,298,814
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	4,369,847	4,369,847
Dividend paid 2021-2022 (Cash)	-	-	-	(209,362,319)	(209,362,319)
<b>Balance at June 30, 2023</b>	<b>2,990,890,270</b>	<b>67,090,173</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,325,900</b>	<b>3,069,306,342</b>

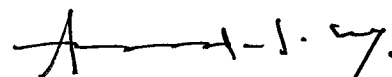
Statement of changes in equity  
For the year ended June 30, 2022

Particulars	Capital Fund	Dividend Equilization & TRR Reserve	Unrealized Gain	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance at July 01, 2021	2,990,890,270	171,771,332	116,455,862	264,894,819	3,544,012,283
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	100,968,066	100,968,066
Dividend paid 2020-2021 (Cash)	-	-	-	(254,225,673)	(254,225,673)
Dividend Equilization & TRR Reserve	-	(104,681,159)	-	104,681,159	-
Unrealized Gain	-	-	(116,455,862)	-	(116,455,862)
<b>Balance at June 30, 2022</b>	<b>2,990,890,270</b>	<b>67,090,173</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216,318,372</b>	<b>3,274,298,814</b>



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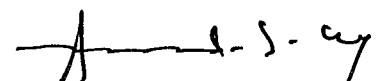
Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended June 30, 2023

Particulars	Amount in Taka	
	2022-2023	2021-2022
<b>A. Cash flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net profit on sale of securities	(20,517,184)	302,014,391
Dividend from investment	86,572,196	80,016,088
Interest Income	27,139,423	55,506,591
Operating expenses	(40,428,966)	(46,630,245)
<b>Net cash from Operating Activities</b>	<b>52,765,470</b>	<b>390,906,825</b>
<b>B. Cash flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Net Investment in Securities	(190,093,582)	125,150,145
<b>Net cash from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(190,093,582)</b>	<b>125,150,145</b>
<b>C. Cash flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Dividend paid (2021-2022)	(209,362,319)	(254,225,673)
Unclaimed Dividend	2,519,785	8,825,088
<b>Net cash used in Financing Activities</b>	<b>(206,842,534)</b>	<b>(245,400,585)</b>
<b>D. Net cash flows (A+B+C)</b>	<b>(344,170,647)</b>	<b>270,656,385</b>
<b>E. Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period</b>	<b>452,366,468</b>	<b>181,710,083</b>
<b>F. Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period (D+E)</b>	<b>108,195,822</b>	<b>452,366,468</b>
<b>Net Operating Cash Flow Per Unit (NOCFPU)</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>1.31</b>



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August 31, 2023



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**Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2023**

**1. The fund and legal status**

Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund (hereinafter called as "Fund") was established under a Trust Deed signed 21 April 2010 between Popular Life Insurance Company Limited as a 'Sponsor' and Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited as a "Trustee". The Fund was registered under the Trust Act 1882 as well as under the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on 29 April 2010 vide registration code no. SEC/Mutual Fund/2010/22 under the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala (Rules) 2001. The operations of the Fund was commenced on 19 October 2010 by listing with Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges.

As provided in Trust Deed, Bangladesh RACE Management PCL, an asset management company, is the Fund Manager. Bangladesh RACE Management PCL was incorporated as a private limited company under Companies Act 1994 on March 2008.

Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund is a close-end Mutual Fund of twenty years' tenure. The objectives of the Fund are to provide regular dividend to the investors by investing the Fund both in capital and money market instruments. The Fund consists of 299,089,027 units of BDT 10 each. The units of the Fund are transferable.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund is to provide attractive dividends to its unit-holders by earning superior risk adjusted return from a diversified investment portfolio.

**3. Basis of preparation**

**3.1 Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and International Accounting Standards (IASs) and as per requirements of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala (Rules) 2001, Trust Deed and other applicable laws and regulations.

**3.2 Basis of measurement**

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern and accrual basis under historical cost convention and initial fair value for identical asset using trade date accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**3.3 Functional and presentational currency**

These financial statements are presented in BDT, which is also the Fund's functional and presentational currency.

**3.4 Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**3.5 Reporting period**

These financial statements are prepared for the period from 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

### 3.6 Taxation

The income of the Fund is exempted from Income Tax as per Finance Act 2023, Act no. 12 of the year 2023 approved by The President of The Peoples Republic of Bangladesh dated June 22, 2023

## 4. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied throughout the period presented in these financial statements.

### 4.1 Investment policy

The investment policy of the Fund as summarised below has set in accordance with Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala (Rules) 2001 including amendments if any:

- (i) as per Rule 55 (02) of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala (Rules) 2001 as amended, at least 60% of total assets of the Fund is to be invested in capital market out of which at least 50% will be in listed securities;
- (ii) as per fifth schedule, no term loan and advance shall be given from mutual fund.
- (iii) as per fifth schedule not more than 10% of total assets of one scheme of a mutual fund shall be invested in one company's share.
- (iv) as per fifth schedule not more than 15% of paid-up capital of a company's share shall be invested from all schemes of a mutual fund.
- (v) as per fifth schedule not more than 20% of one or group of companies' share, debenture or other securities shall be invested from all schemes of a mutual fund.
- (vi) as per fifth schedule not more than 25% in one sector/industry's share, debenture or other securities shall be invested from all scheme of a mutual fund.
- (vii) as per fifth schedule investment or loan from one scheme to another scheme shall not be made under one asset management company
- (viii) as per fifth schedule a mutual fund shall not make any loan for investment purpose
- (ix) as per fifth schedule, no expenses shall be charged in year more than 4% of weekly average NAV annually.

### 4.2 Valuation of Investment at Fair Value:

Fair Value is a market-based measurement. It is to estimate the price at which an orderly transaction to sell the assets or to transfer the liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market condition. As per IFRS-13, Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund (the fund) adopts the assumption the market participants would use when pricing the assets, including assumptions about risk (a) the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value (such as pricing model); and (b) the risk inherent in quoted price/input to the valuation technique.

### 4.3 Dividend Policy

As per Rule 66 of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala (Rules) 2001 as amended, the Fund is required to distribute its profit in the form of dividend in cash to its unit holders an amount which shall not be less than 70% of annual profit during the year, net of provisions and net of negative retained earnings brought forward balance.

### 4.4 Cash & cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, bank balances and fixed deposits.

**4.5 Net asset value calculation**

NAV per unit is being calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Total NAV} = \text{VA} - \text{LT}$$

$$\text{NAV per unit} = \text{Total NAV} / \text{No. of units outstanding.}$$

VA: Value of all securities in vault + Value of all securities placed in lien + Cash in hand and bank balances + Value of all securities receivables + receivables of proceeds of sale of investments + Dividend receivable, net tax + Interest receivable, net of tax + Issue expenses amortised on that date + Printing, publication and stationery expenses

LT: Value of all securities payable + Payable against purchase of investments + Payable as brokerage and custodial charges + Payable as trustee fee + All other payable related to printing, publication and stationery + Accrued deferred expenses with regard to

**4.6 Provisions**

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Fund has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provision is ordinarily measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting period. Provision for market unrealised loss shall be made in accordance with the rule 3(d) of 6th schedule of Mutual Fund Bidhimala 2001 and in case of provision write back.

**4.7 Revenue recognition**

Gains/losses arising on sale of investment are included in the Profit and Loss Statement on the date at which the transaction takes place. Dividend and interest income are recognised as per IAS-18 and IFRS-15 and Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund)

**4.8 Statement of cash flows**

Cash flows from operating activities have been presented under direct method.

Popular Life 1st Mutual Fund  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended June 30, 2023

05.00 Investment in marketable securities-at fair value		Amount in Taka	
		2022-2023	2021-2022
Capital Market Securities-Listed	5.01	2,325,130,139	2,099,409,960
		<b>2,325,130,139</b>	<b>2,099,409,960</b>

5.01 Capital Market Securities-Listed:

Sector/Category	Amount in Taka				
	No. of Shares	Cost Value	Fair Value 30 Jun 2023	Required (Provision)/ Excess	Fair Value 30 Jun 2022
Bank	44,924,131	891,966,207	842,780,672	(49,185,536)	780,795,206
Cement	-	-	-	-	3,315,150
Food and Allied	458,676	262,642,464	237,915,241	(24,727,223)	185,863,956
Fuel and Power	1,585,199	96,062,722	71,935,790	(24,126,932)	78,063,373
Insurance	141,138	18,814,005	10,756,216	(8,057,790)	11,853,514
Miscellaneous	194,079	35,949,738	27,603,018	(8,346,720)	30,133,557
Mutual Funds	8,358,863	100,785,890	78,480,697	(22,305,194)	80,123,576
NBFI	2,488,612	250,455,381	169,814,854	(80,640,527)	186,318,897
Pharma	2,016,686	812,149,317	771,115,500	(41,033,817)	624,337,314
Tannery	943	961,219	958,842	(2,376)	2,741,194
Telecommunication	396,962	150,714,563	113,769,309	(36,945,253)	115,864,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,565,289</b>	<b>2,620,501,508</b>	<b>2,325,130,139</b>	<b>(295,371,369)</b>	<b>2,099,409,960</b>

06.00 Investment in non-listed securities

BSEC approved Non-listed Unit Fund (Category A)	6.01	3,431,116	3,598,570
BSEC approved investment in private equity of non-listed company (Category B)	6.02	347,996,800	160,695,653
BSEC approved Bond (Category C)	6.03	280,295,304	554,841,523
		<b>631,723,220</b>	<b>719,135,747</b>

06.01 BSEC approved Non-listed Unit Fund (Category A):

Particulars	No. of Shares	Amount in Taka			
		Cost value	Fair Value 30 Jun 2023	Required (Provision)/ Excess	Fair Value 30 Jun 2022
HFAML UNIT FUND	356,294	3,000,000	3,431,116	431,116	3,598,570
<b>Total BSEC approved Non-listed Unit Fund (Category A)</b>	<b>356,294</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>3,431,116</b>	<b>431,116</b>	<b>3,598,570</b>

06.02 BSEC approved investment in private equity of non-listed company (Category B):

Particulars	No. of Shares	Cost value	Fair Value 30 Jun 2023	Required (Provision)/ Excess	Fair Value 30 Jun 2022
Best Holding Limited	2,830,769	187,301,147	187,301,147	-	-
Padma Bank Ltd.	2,000,000	25,555,556	25,555,556	-	25,555,556
Multi Securities & Services Ltd.	7,998,822	135,140,098	135,140,098	-	135,140,098
<b>Total BSEC approved investment in private equity of non-listed company (Category B)</b>	<b>12,829,591</b>	<b>347,996,800</b>	<b>347,996,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,695,653</b>

06.03 BSEC approved Bond (Category C):

Particulars	No. of Shares	Cost value	Fair Value 30 Jun 2023	Required (Provision)/ Excess	Fair Value 30 Jun 2022
Regent Spinning Mills Corporate Bond -2015	16	160,000,000	160,000,000	-	50,000,000
Best Holding Ltd.	-	-	-	-	184,000,000
Premier Bank Ltd.	20	120,000,000	120,295,304	295,304	320,841,523
<b>Total BSEC approved Bond (Category C)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>280,000,000</b>	<b>280,295,304</b>	<b>295,304</b>	<b>554,841,523</b>

Net Provision Taken (5.00+6.01+6.02+6.03)

(294,644,949)

(222,878,502)

**\*\*\* 6.4 Investment in non-listed securities**

As on June 30, 2023 the Fund held a total of Tk. 631,723,220.00 in non-listed securities. Each of these investments have been made by the Fund post regulatory (BSEC) approval. There are three categories of such investments (A) BSEC approved Non-listed Unit Fund; (B) BSEC approved investment in private equity of non-listed company; (C) BSEC approved Bond. The Category (A) investments are valued at the repurchase price which is enforceable on June 30, 2023 declared by respective AMC and this is also a quoted price as per IFRS-13. The investments in Category (B) are held at cost price as the underlying companies are going concerns. The valuation of Category (C) investments are valued at fair value by applying the methodology as per IFRS-13 using Present Value technique under Income approach and in compliance with Rules 58 of Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala, 2001.

**Category A for BSEC approved non-listed unit fund:**

Investments are valued at the repurchase price which is enforceable on June 30, 2023 declared by respective AMC.

**Category B. For Non-Listed Private Equity -BSEC approved (Padma Bank limited and Multi Securities Limited & The Best Holdings Limited):**

The Fund has invested in the equity of two non-listed private companies (private equity investments), namely the (i) Padma Bank Limited and (ii) Multi Securities & Services Limited, both of which are regulated; the Padma Bank Limited is regulated by Bangladesh Bank and the Multi Securities & Services Limited is regulated by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, and the quasi-regulators the Dhaka Stock Exchange and the Chittagong Stock Exchange. There is a third investment in this category, namely (iii) the pre-IPO placement equity of Best Holdings Limited. We comment in more detail on each of these three investments below:

**(i) Padma Bank Limited:** The Fund has investment in equity of private company Padma Bank Limited (the "PBL") which has been approved by BSEC vide letter no. SEC/MF & SPV/MF-02/2009/467 dated May 31, 2012. The PBL is a Bangladesh Bank Regulated entity and going concern. Moreover, PBL private equity is owned by Govt. Banks and financial institutions which owns 65% or a majority of the total equity of the banks. Therefore, Padma Bank Ltd. is considered a going concern and the investment is held at cost by the Fund for a total investment amount of Tk. 25,555,556.00 Fair Value of the similar category of listed banks is above cost.

**(ii) Multi Securities and Services Limited:** The Fund has investment in equity of private company Multi Securities and Services Limited (MSSL) which has been approved by BSEC vide letter no. SEC/MF & SOV/MF-02/2009/783 dated November 04, 2015. The company is regulated by BSEC and is going concern and has been paying dividend regularly. Using prudence and conservative principal of accounting this investment is also held at cost by the Fund for a total investment amount of Tk. 135,140,098.00

**(iii) The Best Holdings Limited:** The Fund has investments in the pre-IPO equity of private company the Best Holdings Limited (BHL). The private equity holdings are the result of the conversion of the Fund's holdings in the Best Holdings Limited Corporate Bond, a capital market security which was approved by the Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission vide its consent BSEC/CI/DS-47/2015/80, February 14, 2017 to raise capital through institutional private placement. The Trustee of the Bond is well reputed Green Delta Insurance Company Limited. Background of the conversion is as follows: In consideration of the Covid-19 pandemic related significant business loss suffered by the Hospitality sector in which Best Holdings Limited (BHL) operates, the Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Bangladesh vide its letter 53.00.0000.331.37.002.20.375 instructed bondholders and equity holders who participated in the BHL capital raise to restructure the cash flow requirements from the Bond and equity investment instruments. Based on the better cash inflow opportunity for the equity compared to the bond, the Investment Committee of the Fund, along with some other Bondholders, chose to convert the Bond holding into BHL equity as a pre-IPO equity placement, subject to the Issuer obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals. Subsequently the regulator BSEC has issued a gazette (dated 27 July, 2023 ref: BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193(part#06)/64/PRD/146, which has provided an implied exemption to the Bond conversion. The investment is now held at cost in the total amount of Tk. 187,301,147.00, which is equivalent to the principal outstanding. In the event that the regulatory approval (post facto) sets a date certain that is after the Fund's conversion date, then it may give rise to a contingent claim: depending on the regulatory decision as to which date the conversion shall occur, there may arise a claim on the Issuer of interim interest to be settled in cash or kind (equity), in the amount of taka 5,09,49,600/=, to be paid by Issuer in cash or kind. Due to the related uncertainties, out of prudence, the Trustee and Investment Committee of the Fund has decided to not recognize this amount in the financial statements of the Fund, and may realize it as income only after the uncertainties are resolved.

**C. For Non-Listed Bond (Regent Corporate Bond & Premier Bank Limited Subordinated Bond):**

(i) **Regent Spinning Mills Corporate Bond-2015:** The Fund has investments in Regent Corporate Bond 2015 (the "Regent Bond"), which has been issued by Regent Spinning Mills Limited (the "Issuer") and was approved as a capital market security by Bangladesh Securities Exchange Commission approved vide BSEC letter, BSEC/CI/DS/23/2015/195, dated May 19, 2015. As on June 30th, 2023 the Mutual Fund held 16 units of the Bond with Face Value of Taka 1.0 crore per unit for a total amount of Tk 160,000,000. The Regent Bond has not paid any coupon since the onset of Covid 19 pandemic in FY 2019-20, a development that has been disclosed in the financial statements of the Fund for FY 2020-21 and FY2021-22. As this default has continued to the present the Trustee and Investment Committee of the Fund has decided to include the additional following disclosure on this investment: "The Bond Trustee, the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (the "ICB"), a reputable statutory corporation of the Government, has conducted an independent assessment of the Regent Bond which included physical inspection of the premises, upon which the Trustee has assessed the Issuer business is a going-concern. Moreover, the present value of the pledged assets of the Issuer, the guarantor Habib Group, and its various affiliates, subsidiaries and Directors, is adequate to cover the outstanding principle and interest against the Regent Bond held by the Fund. As a result, the Trustee and Asset Management Company has decided not to take a provision against the Regent Bond investment for FY 2022-23. The bond is secured by pledge of shares of Regent Textile Mills Ltd. as per schedule -4 of Trust Deed, Deposits & Account receivable of Regent Textile Mills Limited as provided for in schedule-05 of Trust Deed and corporate guarantee of Regent Textile Mills Ltd. The bond has been reported at cost. The Trustee and Bondholders are actively pursuing recovery efforts."

(ii) **The Premier Bank Limited Tier2 Subordinated Bond(s):** The Fund has investments in the Tier-2 Subordinated category of Bonds issued by the Premier Bank Limited. The Bonds have been approved by the Bangladesh Bank and the ensuing capital market security(ies) the Bonds have been approved by BSEC vide the approval letters BSEC/CI/DS-860/2022/1076 dated December 01, 2022; The Bonds are regular coupon paying Bonds and therefore are being held at the Fair Value determined by IFRS 13 using present value technique under income approach at a risk free rate 7.75% average of 5 years T-bond's yield and FDR rate. The total amount of the Fund's investment at Fair Value Tk 120,295,304.00

**07.00 Cash & Cash equivalents:**

**Operational accounts:**

Southeast Bank Ltd. (A/C-0083131000002)	2,428,626	335,353,743
ONE Bank Ltd. (A/C-0123000000697)	43,255,647	81,215,463
ONE Bank Ltd. (A/C-0183000001514)	25,185,175	-
Dhaka Bank Ltd. (A/C-2011520000026)	5,837,106	5,619,817
BRAC Bank Ltd. (A/C-1501101733958002)	5,630	6,191
Eastern Bank Ltd. (A/C-1011220139919)	26,362	26,995
The Premier Bank (A/C-010413600000007)	-	-
The Padma Bank Ltd. (A/C-0113000082181)	20,112,403	20,838,024

**IPO and dividend accounts :**

Southeast Bank Ltd. (A/C-13100000042) Close	-	-
BRAC Bank Ltd. (A/C-1501101733958003)	-	-
BRAC Bank Ltd. (A/C-1501201733958001) Dollar	32,462	-
BRAC Bank Ltd. (A/C-1501201733958002) EURO	6,014	-
BRAC Bank Ltd. (A/C-1501201733958003) GBP	6,069	-
Bank Asia Ltd. (A/C-04936000132)	9,206	9,046
Bank Asia Ltd. (A/C-04936000140)	26,036	2,707,788
Bank Asia Ltd. (A/C-04936000155)	6,447,539	6,589,401
One Bank Ltd. (A/C-0183000001489)	4,817,546	-
	<b>108,195,822</b>	<b>452,366,468</b>

**7.01 Unclaimed Cash Dividend:**

Year 2021-2022	4,817,546	-
Year 2020-2021	6,447,539	6,589,401
Year 2018-2019	26,036	2,226,640
Year 2017-2018	9,206	9,046
IPO Accounts	44,545	-
	<b>11,344,873</b>	<b>8,825,088</b>

**08.00 Preliminary & Issue Expenses:**

Opening balance	8,768,979	9,824,612
Less: amortization during the year	1,055,632	1,055,632
	<b>7,713,347</b>	<b>8,768,979</b>

**09.00 Other receivables:**

Receivable from Brokerhouse	3,531,735	15,517
Dividend Receivable	4,086,921	5,654,213
Interest Receivable	120,810	7,495,885
	<b>7,739,466</b>	<b>13,165,614</b>





<b>10.00 Advance, Deposit &amp; Prepayments:</b>			
Advance Income Tax (AIT)	16,657,222	1,795,186	
Security Deposit- CDBL	500,000	500,000	
Prepayments	5,129,217	5,502,953	
	<b>22,286,439</b>	<b>7,798,139</b>	
<b>10.01 Prepayments:</b>			
Annual fee-BSEC	2,990,890	2,990,890	
Annual fee-BGIC	1,506,382	1,880,118	
Annual fee-DSE	300,000	300,000	
Annual fee-CSE	300,000	300,000	
Annual fee-CDBL	31,945	31,945	
	<b>5,129,217</b>	<b>5,502,953</b>	
<b>11.00 Liabilities for expenses:</b>			
Audit Fee	54,000	54,000	
Management Fee	15,947,602	44,283	
Custodian Fee	892,270	991,901	
CDBL charge & other payable	175,400	175,400	
Payable to Brokerhouse	1,418	14,489,018	
Preliminary expenses	1,285,387	1,285,387	
Publication expenses	325,100	325,100	
	<b>18,681,178</b>	<b>17,365,090</b>	
<b>12.00 Other liabilities:</b>			
Other liabilities (Tax & VAT)	3,456,039	155,916	
	<b>3,456,039</b>	<b>155,916</b>	
<b>13.00 Capital Fund:</b>			
Size of capital fund			
299,089,027 units of Taka 10 each	2,990,890,270	2,990,890,270	
	<b>2,990,890,270</b>	<b>2,990,890,270</b>	
<b>14.00 Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>			
Total Net Assets Value at Cost	3,363,951,291	3,497,177,316	
No of unit	299,089,027	299,089,027	
<b>Per Unit NAV at Cost</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>11.69</b>	
a. Total Net Assets Value at Cost	3,363,951,291	3,497,177,316	
b. (Unrealized loss) or Unrealized Gain	(294,644,949)	(222,878,502)	
Total Net Assets Value at Fair Value (a+b)	3,069,306,342	3,274,298,814	
No of unit	299,089,027	299,089,027	
<b>Per Unit NAV at Fair Value</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>10.95</b>	
<b>15.00 Net profit on sale of securities:</b>			
Net profit on sale of securities	(20,517,184)	302,014,391	
<b>16.00 Dividend from investment:</b>			
Listed securities	73,371,357	69,338,121	
Non-listed securities	11,633,547	5,772,505	
	<b>85,004,905</b>	<b>75,110,626</b>	
<b>17.00 Interest Income:</b>			
Interest Income from operational accounts	8,309,934	13,300,845	
Interest Income from Corporate Bonds	11,454,414	35,543,946	
	<b>19,764,348</b>	<b>48,844,790</b>	
<b>18.00 Management fee:</b>			
Management fee	34,090,493	38,376,341	
	<b>34,090,493</b>	<b>38,376,341</b>	
<b>19.00 Trustee fee:</b>			
Trustee fee	3,363,036	3,495,857	
	<b>3,363,036</b>	<b>3,495,857</b>	

Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited (BGIC), the trustee of the fund is entitled to get an annual Trusteeship fee @ 0.10% of the net asset value per annum, payable semi-annually in advance basis during the entire life of the Fund as per Trust Deed.



**20.00 BSEC annual fee:**

BSEC annual fee

2,990,890	2,990,890
<b>2,990,890</b>	<b>2,990,890</b>

Annual fee paid to BSEC as per Rules 11 (1) of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund) Bidhimala, 2001.

**21.00 Custodian fee:**

Custodian fee

1,941,292	2,307,751
<b>1,941,292</b>	<b>2,307,751</b>

BRAC Bank Limited, the custodian of the fund is entitled to receive a safekeeping fee @ 0.07% on the balance of securities calculated on average month end value per annum as per Trust Deed.

**22.00 CDBL charges:**

CDBL charges

351,787	587,799
<b>351,787</b>	<b>587,799</b>

CDBL charge paid to Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) as per Annexure A-1 of CDBL Bye Laws (3.7).

**23.00 Expenses to Capital Market Stabilization Fund:**

Expenses to Capital Market Stabilization Fund

481,148	475,654
<b>481,148</b>	<b>475,654</b>

In compliance with BSEC Rule-SEC/SRMIC/165-2020/part-1/166 unpaid/ unclaimed dividend with accrued interest has been transferred to BSEC Capital Market Stabilization Fund. This figure had been accrued as income in previous period but balance was not transferred to operation accounts, now full amount of unclaimed dividend and accrued interest transferred to CMSF fund as per new circular.

**24.00 (Total Provision for VAT,Tax and write off)/ write back against erosion of fair value:**

a) Provision for previous year B/F

(222,878,502)

b) Market Provision Taken (5.01+6.01+6.02)

(294,644,949)

(222,878,502)

**(b-a) Required Provision**

**(71,766,447)**

**(222,878,502)**

Provision /write off of Regent Bond-2015

44,000,000

(44,000,000)

Provision for VAT and Tax

(6,015,665)

(6,280,831)

**(33,782,112)**

**(273,159,333)**

**25.00 Earnings Per Unit(EPU):**

Net profit after (provision)/writeback of unrealize loss

4,369,847

100,968,067

Number of unit

299,089,027

299,089,027

**0.01**

**0.34**

**26.00 Events after the reporting period**

The Trustee of the Fund has approved dividend at the rate of 2.50% on the capital fund of Taka 2,990,890,270 in the form of cash. The record date is September 12, 2023 for the year ended 30 June 2023 at the meeting held on August 21, 2023.

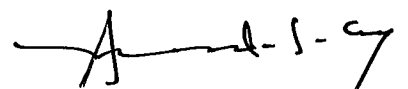
**27.00 Others**

- These notes form an integral part of the annexed financial statements and accordingly are to be read in conjunction therewith.
- Figures in these notes and annexed financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest BDT.
- Figures of previous year have been rearranged wherever considered necessary, to conform with the current year's presentation.
- To convert the reporting currency of foreign currency accounts the fund consider US Dollar conversion rate is 108.00 Tk., Euro conversion rate is 117.87 Tk., GBP conversion rate is 137.16 Tk. As per Bangladesh Bank web site date on 30 June 2023.



Asset Manager

Bangladesh RACE Management PCL



Trustee

Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited

Dated: Dhaka  
August 31, 2023

