



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
LAHORE CANTT.

No. AC (Cantt)/13

Dated: 08 - 03-2024

To The Director,
Punjab Land Record
Lahore.

Subject: APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE PUNJAB TRUST
ACT 2020 FOR REGISTRATION OF A SPECIALIZED TRUST
TITLED AS ABL ISLAMIC SOVEREIGN FUND (ABL ISF)
PLOT#14, MAIN BOULEVERD, DHA, PHASE VI, CANTT
LAHORE.

Please refer to the subject cited above.

The matter in question is being forwarded to your office for kind information
and further necessary action as per law.

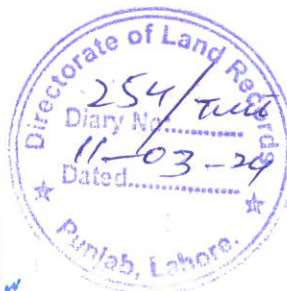
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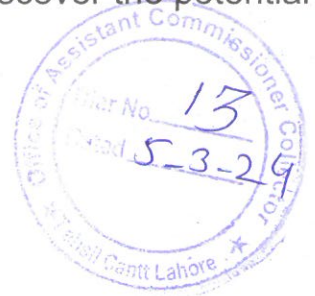
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To,

**The Assistant Commissioner,
Cantt, Lahore.**

Subject: Application for Registration of ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund (ABL ISF)

Respectfully submitted as under:

That ABL – Asset Management Company Limited (“**ABL-AMCL**”) is forming ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund (ABL ISF) for the benefits of Unit Holder as mentioned in the Trust Deed having its office at Building no: 14, Main Boulevard, DHA Phase VI, Lahore (the “**Trust**”) and the main purpose and objective of this trust, *inter alia*, are as laid down in the Trust Deed.

As required under section 15 and 16 of the Punjab Trust Act 2020 (the “**Act 2020**”), registration certificate is compulsory for Registration and Function of the Trust; therefore, ABL-AMCL is hereby applying for the registration of the Trust and requisite documents are attached with the instant application for information of your good office.

In the light of above-mentioned, it is most respectfully prayed that the ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund (ABL ISF) may very kindly registered under the Act 2020 and the certificate of registration, to that effect, may very kindly be issued.


Thanks in anticipation.

For and on behalf of:

ABL-AMCL

ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund (ABL ISF)




Saqib Matin
Company Secretary

0025-25051927

E-STAMP

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Non-Judicial

Rs 3,000/-

Description : CONTRACT - 22A(a)(i)
First Party : ABL AMCL [10000-0000000-0]
Second Party : CDCPL [10000-0000000-0]
Agent : Mian Ishtiaq Ahmad [35201-0509590-7]
Stamp Duty Paid by : CDCPL [10000-0000000-0]
Issue Date : 26-Jan-2024, 10:13:11 AM
Paid Through Challan : 2024B0DE8511F9F1
Amount in Words : Three Thousand Rupees Only

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TRUST DEED

Constituting

ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund (ABL-ISSF)
A Shariah Compliant (Wakalatul Istithmar Based Fund)

(An Open End Shariah Compliant Sovereign Income Scheme)

Being a Specialized Trust as defined under Section 3(t) of the Punjab Trust
Act, 2020, as amended vide Punjab Trusts (Amendment) Act, 2022

Duly vetted by Shariah Advisor
namely Mufti Irshad for and on behalf of Al Hilal Sharia Advisers
[Reg. SECP/IFD/SA/015]

Between

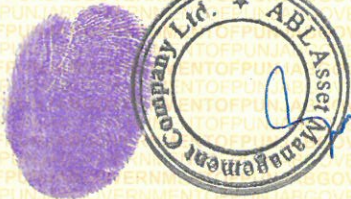
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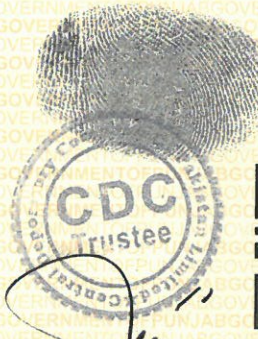
And

CENTRAL DEPOSITORY COMPANY OF PAKISTAN LIMITED

Dated:









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TRUST DEED

This Trust Deed is made and entered into at Lahore on this ____ day of ____.

1. Name of the Scheme

ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund (ABL-ISSF)

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2. Category, Type, Benchmark and Structure of the Scheme

Category: Shariah Compliant Sovereign Income Scheme

Type: Open End Scheme

Benchmark:

The Benchmark of the Investment Plans shall be disclosed in the Offering Document of the Fund and Supplemental thereof.

Risk Profile:

The Risk Profile of the Investment Plans shall be disclosed in the Offering Document of the Fund and Supplemental thereof.

Structure of the Scheme

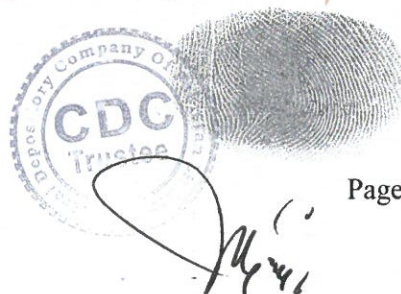
- i. The Fund shall offer various Investment Plans based on their structure of fixed maturity or perpetual, subject to approval from SECP, investing in the investable avenues as defined in the Offering Document of the Fund and Supplemental thereof.
- ii. The number of such plans at any point in time shall not exceed the limit specified by the Commission. The Fund is being launched in shell structure. Duration of first investment plan is perpetual while subsequent plans will be of fixed term.
- iii. Each Investment Plan may have one or more unit types for example "Growth" units & "Income" units, and will announce separate NAVs which will rank pari passu inter se according to the number of Units of the respective Investment Plans.
- iv. The Management Company shall, with the prior approval of the Commission, introduce new Investment Plans from time to time through supplement Offering Documents, without the need to alter the Deed. Any additional features of such Investment Plans shall be disclosed in the relevant Supplemental Offering Documents.
- v. Investor of the Fund may hold different types of units of Investment Plans and may invest in any one or more of the available Investment Plans.
- vi. The minimum size of the scheme shall be of such amount as specified in the regulations

3. Participating Parties and Constitution of the Trust

I. ABL Asset Management Company Limited (ABL-AMCL), a Non-Banking Finance Company incorporated under the Companies Act 2017 (the "Act"), having its registered office at 14 Main Boulevard, DHA Phase 6, Lahore, Pakistan (hereinafter called the "Management Company" which expression where the context so permits shall include its successors in interest and assigns) of the one part; and

AND

II. Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited, a public limited company incorporated in Pakistan under the Companies Act 2017, having its registered office at CDC House, 99-B, Block "B", S.M.C.H.S, Main Shahrah-e-Faisal Karachi, Pakistan (hereinafter called the "Trustee" which expression where the context so permits shall include its successors in interest and assigns) of the other part.



WITNESSETH:

- A. The Management Company has been licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as the "SECP") as an Asset Management Company pursuant to the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules", which expression shall include any amendments thereto and substitutions thereof) for the purpose of undertaking asset management services under License No. **SECP/LRD/LD/1/AMC/ABL-AML/2022-53** dated **December 9, 2022**, attached hereto as **Annexure "A"**.
- B. The Management Company has been authorized by the SECP vide its letter bearing reference No. **SCD/AMCW/AISF/2023/388** dated **January 16, 2024** attached herewith as **Annexure "B"** to constitute the Trust under the name and title of "ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund" (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme" or "the Trust" or "the Unit Trust" or "the Fund") and to register this Trust Deed ("the Deed"), pending registration of the Trust as a notified entity under Section 282CA of the Ordinance and under Regulation 44 of Non-Banking Finance Companies and Notified Entities Regulations, 2008 for the establishment and operation of the Trust in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations and this Trust Deed;
- C. The Management Company has nominated and appointed Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited as Trustee of the Scheme and the Trustee has accepted such appointment upon the terms and conditions herein contained and the tariff structure for trusteeship as per **Annexure "C"** attached herewith;
- D. Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited has also issued consent to act as Trustee vide its letter bearing reference no. CDC/T&C-UII/DH/0452/2023 dated November 17, 2023 attached **Annexure "D"**.
- E. The SECP has issued No Objection Certificate to the trustee, Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited, for registration of the trust with the Land Record Department of Punjab under Punjab Trust Act, 2020; and
- F. The Management Company has appointed Al-Hilal Shariah Advisors, and the Board has duly reviewed this Deed.

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4. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

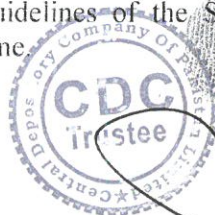
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- 4.1. This Trust Deed shall be subject to and governed by the laws of Pakistan, including the Companies Ordinance 1984, Companies Act 2017, NBFC Rules, 2003 and the NBFC Regulations, 2008, Punjab Trusts Act 2020 and any directives or circulars issued by SECP and all applicable laws and regulations as issued, amended or replaced from time to time in so far that this does not conflict with the Shariah. Where any Rules or Regulations are issued or amended, any directives are issued or any relaxation or exemption is allowed by SECP it shall be deemed for all purposes whatsoever that all the provisions required to be contained in a trust deed pursuant to such, amendments, directive, relaxation or exemption shall be deemed to have been incorporated in this Trust Deed without requiring any modification unless specifically required by the SECP. In the event of any conflict between this Trust Deed and the provisions of the Rules Regulations, directives, circulars, the latter shall supersede and prevail over the provisions contained in this Trust Deed so far as this doesn't conflict with the Shariah.
- 4.2. All investments of the Trust property shall be in accordance with the Shariah as per the guidelines provided by the Shariah Advisor or Shariah regulatory provisions of SECP issued from time to time. The Fund shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the State Bank of Pakistan and the SECP with regard to the foreign Investments made by the Fund and also with regard to investments that may be made in the Fund from outside Pakistan. The Investments made by the Fund in other/foreign countries and bank accounts and custodial services accounts that may be opened by the Trustee for the Fund in other/foreign countries on the instructions of the Management Company may become subject to the laws of such countries. Foreign investments made by the Fund shall be with prior approval of SECP and in accordance with the guidelines of the Shariah Advisor or Shari'ah regulatory provisions of SECP issued from time to time.



4.3. Subject to the Clause 23 hereafter, applicable between the Management Company and the Trustee inter se, each party, including the Unit Holder(s), irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts at Lahore.

4.4. The terms and conditions of this Trust Deed and any Deed supplemental thereto shall be binding upon each Unit Holder.

5. Declaration of Trust

5.1 Subject to the amount received from Pre IPO-Investors, of the respective Investment Plan which shall be possessed by the Trustee in the capacity of custodian, such amount shall be the right of those investors investing such amount till the time of IPO.

5.2 It is hereby irrevocably and unconditionally declared that:

- a) The Trustee shall hold and stand possessed the Trust Property that may from time to time hereafter be vested in the Trustee upon trust comprising of all Investment Plan (s), for the benefit of the Unit Holder(s) ranking pari passu inter se, according to the number of Units held by each Unit Holder(s) in each respective Investment Plan(s);
- b) The Trust Property shall be invested or disinvested from time to time by the Trustee at the direction of the Management Company strictly in terms of the provisions contained and the conditions stipulated in this Deed, the Offering Documents, the Rules, the Regulations, other regulatory provision and the conditions (if any) which may be imposed by the SECP and Shariah Advisor from time to time; and
- c) The Management Company shall establish, manage, operate and administer the Fund and the Investment Plan (s) under the Fund in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, directives or circulars, this Deed and the Offering Document on the matter as issued or amended by SECP from time to time.

6. Effect of this Deed and Status of Unit Holder(s)

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6.1 Deed Binding on Each Unit Holder

The terms and conditions of this Trust Deed as amended, as per the term of Clause 21 of this Deed, from time to time shall be binding on each Unit Holder as if the Unit Holder had been party to it and shall be bound by its provisions and shall be deemed to have authorized and required the Trustee and the Management Company to do as required of them by the terms of this Deed and the Regulations.

6.2 Unit Holder(s) Not Liable to Make Further Payments

No Unit Holder(s) shall be liable to make any further contributions to the Fund after he has paid the purchase price of the Units of respective Investment Plan as specified in the Offering Document and no further liability shall be imposed on any Unit Holder(s) in respect of the Units held by him.

6.3 Units to Rank Pari Passu

All Units and fractions thereof, of respective Investment Plan under the scheme, represent an undivided share in the Investment Plans and shall rank pari passu according to the number of Units held by each Unit Holder of that Investment Plan, including as to the rights of the Unit Holder(s) in the Net Assets, earnings and the receipt of the dividends and distributions for each Investment Plan(s). Each Unit Holder has a beneficial interest in the Trust property of the respective Investment Plan under the Scheme proportionate to the Units and fractions of that Investment Plan held by such Unit Holder and shall have such rights as are set out in this Deed and the Offering Document.

6.4 Trustee Report to Unit Holders

The Trustee shall report to the Unit Holders in accordance with the Regulations, directives, circulars and Shariah provisions issued by the Commission.



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- 7.1 The Management Company shall manage, operate and administer the Scheme and all Investment Plans under it in accordance with the Rules, Regulations directives, circulars and guidelines issued by SECP and this Deed and the Offering Document.
- 7.2 The Management Company may from time to time, with the consent of the Trustee, frame procedures for conducting the business of the Trust or in respect of any other matter incidental thereto; provided that such procedures are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Rules and the Regulations any directives, circulars and guidelines issued by SECP and this Deed.
- 7.3 The Management Company shall be responsible to facilitate investments and disinvestments by investors in the Scheme and to make adequate arrangements for receiving and processing applications in this regard.
- 7.4 The Management Company, shall from time to time under intimation to the Trustee appoint, remove or replace one or more suitable persons, entities or parties as Distributor(s) for carrying on Distribution Function(s) at one or more location(s). Provided that the Management Company may also itself act as a Distributor for carrying on Distribution Functions.
- 7.5 The Management Company may, at its own responsibility and costs (to be borne either from the front-end load or management fee received), from time to time appoint Investment Facilitators to assist it in promoting sales of Units. An updated list of Distributors and Investment Facilitators appointed by Asset Management Company (AMC) shall be made available at all times on the website of the AMC.
- 7.6 The Management Company shall not be under any liability except such liability as may be expressly assumed by it under the Rules, Regulations, this Deed and the Offering Documents, nor shall the Management Company (save as herein otherwise provided) be liable for any act or omission of the Trustee nor for anything except for its own gross negligence or willful breach of duty and the acts and omissions of all persons to whom it may delegate any of its functions as manager as if they were its own acts and omissions. If for any reason it becomes impossible or impracticable to carry out the provisions of this Deed and the Offering Document, the Management Company shall not be under any liability thereof or thereby and it shall not incur any liability by reason of any error of law or any matter or thing done or suffered or omitted to be done in good faith hereunder.
- 7.7 The Management Company shall nominate and notify to the Trustee one or more of its officer(s) to act as authorized persons for interacting with and giving instructions to the Trustee. Any instruction or notice given by such authorized persons shall be deemed to be the instruction or notice given by the Management Company. Any change in such authorized persons shall promptly be notified to the Trustee.
- 7.8 The Management Company shall, from time to time, advise the Trustee of any settlement instructions relating to any transactions entered into by it on behalf of the Trust. The Management Company shall ensure that settlement instructions are given promptly after entering into the transaction so as to facilitate timely settlement.
- 7.9 The Management Company shall provide the Trustee with regular reports indicating Profit and other forms of income or inflows, relating to the investments that are due to be received.
- 7.10 The Management Company may, if it considers necessary for the protection of Trust Property or safeguarding the interest of the Unit Holders, request the Trustee to institute or defend any suit, proceeding, arbitration or inquiry or any corporate or shareholders' action in respect of the Trust Property or any part thereof at the cost of the Fund.
- 7.11 The Management Company shall designate and disclose the location of its official points for acceptance of applications for issuance, redemption, conversion, etc. of Units in the Offering Document of the Scheme and on its website.
- 7.12 The Management Company shall ensure that all the designated points for acceptance of applications for issuance, redemption, conversion, etc. of units of the Scheme have appropriate date and time

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stamping mechanism for timely acknowledgement of the said applications.

- 7.13 The Management Company shall announce the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Investment Plan(s) within such time period and at such frequency as prescribed by SECP from time to time and shall disclose such time period and frequency in the Offering Document.

8. Role of the Trustee

- 8.1 The trustee shall perform its role as specified in the Rules, Regulation and directives, circulars issued there under, this Deed and the Offering Document.
- 8.2 The Trustee shall nominate one or more of its officers to act as authorized persons for performing the Trustee's functions and for interacting with the Management Company. Any change in such authorized persons shall be promptly notified to the Management Company.
- 8.3 The Trustee shall under prior intimation to the Management Company appoint, remove or replace from time to time one or more bank(s) and/or other depository company(ies) etc. to act as the Custodian(s) for holding and protecting the Trust Property and every part thereof and for generally performing the custodial services at one or more locations and on such terms as the Trustee and the Management Company may mutually agree and to be incorporated in custodial services agreement(s) to be entered into between the Trustee and the Custodian(s), except where the Trustee itself is acting as a Custodian.
- 8.4 The Trustee shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of all persons to whom it may delegate any of its duties, as if these were its own acts and omissions and shall account to the Trust for any loss in value of the Trust Property where such loss has been caused by gross negligence or any reckless act or omission of the Trustee or any of its directors, officers, nominees or agents.
- 8.5 The Trustee shall exercise all due diligence and vigilance in carrying out its duties and in protecting the interests of the Unit Holder(s). The Trustee shall not be under any liability on account of anything done or suffered by the Trust, if the Trustee had acted in good faith in performance of its duties under this Trust Deed or in accordance with or pursuant to any request of the Management Company provided it is not in conflict with the provisions of this Trust Deed or the Rules and Regulations. Whenever pursuant to any provision of this Trust Deed, any instruction, certificate, notice, direction or other communication is required to be given by the Management Company, the Trustee may accept as sufficient evidence thereof:
- a) a document signed or purporting to be signed on behalf of the Management Company by any authorized representative(s) whose signature the Trustee is for the time being authorized in writing by the Management Committee to accept; and
 - b) any Instructions received online through the software solution adopted by the Management Company/Trustee in consultation with each other shall be deemed to be instructions from the authorized representative(s)
- 8.6 The Trustee shall not be liable for any loss caused to the Fund or to the value of the Trust Property due to any elements or circumstances of Force Majeure.
- 8.7 In the event of any loss caused due to any gross negligence or willful act and/or omission, the Trustee shall have an obligation to replace the lost investment forthwith with similar investment of the same class and issue together with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto or compensate the Trust to the extent of such loss. However, the trustee shall not be under any liability thereof or thereby and it shall not incur any liability by reason of any error of law or any matter or thing done.
- 8.8 The Trustee shall make available or ensure that there is made available to the Management Company such information as the Management Company may reasonably require from time to time in respect of the Trust Property and all other matters relating to the Trust.
- 8.9 The Trustee shall, if requested by Management Company or if it considers necessary for the protection of Trust Property or safeguarding the interest of Unit Holder(s), institute or defend any suit, proceeding, arbitration or inquiry or any corporate or shareholders' action in respect of the Trust Property or any part thereof, with full powers to sign, swear, verify and submit pleadings and affidavits, to file documents, to give evidence, to appoint and remove counsel and to do all incidental

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acts, things and deeds through the Trustee's authorized director(s) and officer(s). All costs, charges and expenses (including legal fees) incurred in instituting or defending any such action shall be borne by the Trust and the Trustee shall be indemnified against all such costs, charges and expenses: Provided that no such indemnity shall be available in respect of any action taken against the Trustee for gross negligence or breach of its duties in connection with the Trust under this Deed or the Rules and Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt it is clarified that notwithstanding anything contained in this Deed, the Trustee and the Management Company shall not be liable in respect of any losses, claims, damages or other liabilities whatsoever suffered or incurred by the Trust arising from or consequent to any such suit, proceeding, arbitration or inquiry or corporate or shareholders' action or otherwise howsoever and (save as herein otherwise provided) all such losses, claims, damages and other liabilities shall be borne by the Trust.

8.10 The Trustee shall not be under any liability except such liability as may be expressly assumed by it under the Rules and Regulations and this Trust Deed nor shall the Trustee be liable for any act or omission of the Management Company nor for anything except for loss caused due to its willful acts or omissions or gross negligence or that of its agents in relation to any custody of the Trust Property forming part of the Deposited Property. If for any reason it becomes impossible or impracticable to carry out the provisions of this Deed the Trustee shall not be under any liability thereof or thereby and it shall not incur any liability by reason of any error of law or any matter or thing done or suffered or omitted to be done in good faith hereunder.

8.11 The Trustee shall promptly forward to the Management Company within one Business Day any notices, reports or other documents issued by the issuers of securities, recipients of any of the Trust funds (as deposits, refunds, distribution of dividends, income, profits, repayment of capital or for any other reason), any depository, an intermediary or agent in any transaction or from any court, government, regulator, stock exchange or any other exchange.

9. Trust Property

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9.1 The aggregate proceeds of all Units issued from time to time, by each of the Investment Plan after deducting Duties and Charges, Transactions Costs and any applicable Sales Load, shall constitute part of the Trust Property and includes the Investment and all income, profit and other benefits arising there from and all cash, bank balances and other assets and property of every description for the time being held or deemed to be held upon trust by the Trustee for the benefit of the Unit Holder(s) pursuant to this Deed but does not include any amount payable to the Unit Holders as distribution. However, any profit earned on the amount payable to the Unit Holders of an Investment Plan as distribution shall become part of the Trust Property of the pertinent Investment Plan. For the avoidance of any doubt the trust property comprises of asset of Investment Plans launched under ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund from time to time through Supplemental Offering document.

9.2 The income earned on the investments of Pre IPO-Investors in the respective Investment Plan upto the start of IPO may be paid to such investors on pro rata basis from the date of investment either in cash or issue in the form of additional units of respective Investment Plans for an amount equal to the income earned, as selected by such investors.

9.3 Shariah Compliant Bank accounts for the Fund and investments plans shall always be in the name of the Trustee.

9.4 The Trust Property of each Investment Plan shall initially be constituted out of the proceeds received from investors till the time of Public Offering (PO) after deducting any applicable Duties and Charges, Transactions Costs and Front-end Load there from.

9.5 All expenses incurred by the Trustee in effecting the registerable Investments in its name shall be payable out of the Trust Property.

9.6 The Trustee shall take the Trust property of the respective Investment Plans under the Scheme into its custody or under its control either directly or through the Custodian and hold it in trust for the benefit of the Unit Holders of respective Investment Plan(s) in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, applicable law, and this Deed. The Trust Property of Investment Plan shall be held separately by the Trustee and the Trust Property of all the Investment Plans collectively shall constitute the Trust Property of the Scheme. The Trust Property of each Investment Plan shall always be kept as a separate property and shall not be applied to make a loan or advance except in

connection with the normal business of the Fund.

- 9.7 Except as specifically provided in this Trust Deed, the Trust Property shall always be kept as separate property free from any mortgages, charges, liens or any other encumbrances whatsoever and the Trustee or the Custodian shall not, except for the purpose of each investment Plan(s) under the Scheme as directed by the Management Company, create or purport to create any mortgages, charges, liens or any other encumbrance whatsoever to secure any loan guarantee or any other obligation actual or contingent incurred assumed or undertaken by the Trustee or the Custodian or any other person.

10. Voting Rights on Trust Property

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- 10.1 All rights of voting attached to any Trust Property shall be exercisable by the Management Company on behalf of the Trustee and it shall be entitled to exercise the said rights in what it may consider to be in the best interest of the Unit Holders and may refrain at its own discretion from the exercise of any voting rights and the Trustee or the Unit Holders shall not have any right to interfere or complain.
- 10.2 The Trustee shall upon written request by the Management Company and on account of the Trust Property, from time to time execute and deliver or cause to be executed or delivered to the Management Company or their nominees powers of attorneys or proxies authorizing such attorneys and proxies to vote, consent or otherwise act in respect of any investment in such form and in favor of such persons as the Management Company may require in writing.
- 10.3 The phrase "rights of voting" or the word "vote" used in this clause shall be deemed to include not only a vote at a meeting but the right to elect or appoint directors, any consent to or approval of any arrangement Scheme or resolution or any alteration in or abandonment of any rights attaching to any Investment and the right to requisition or join in a requisition to convene any meeting or to give notice of any resolution or to circulate any statement. The Management Company shall keep record stating the reasons for casting the vote in favor or against any resolution for a period of six years.

11. Shariah Governance/ Shariah Advisory Services

- 11.1 All activities of the Fund shall be undertaken in accordance with the Shariah Guidelines provided by the Shariah Advisor or Shariah Regulatory Provisions of SECP issued from time to time.
- 11.2 The Management Company has appointed a Shariah Advisor who shall advise the Management Company on matters relating to Shariah Compliance.
- 11.3 The Shariah Advisor shall be appointed for a period of one year by the Management Company and such Shariah Advisor, as disclosed in the Offering Document and may be re-appointed on completion of his term. The Management Company may terminate its agreement with the Shariah Advisor and appoint a new Shariah Advisor under intimation to the Trustee and SECP. Provided that till the appointment of new Shariah Adviser, the existing Shariah Advisor shall continue to perform his duties. Provided further that the Management Company shall inform the Commission at least one month in advance for change in the Shariah Advisor.
- 11.4 The Shariah Advisor Shall
- (a) Provide technical guidance and support on various aspect of Shariah so as to enable the Management Company to operate the Fund as a Shariah Compliant Collective Investment Scheme.
 - (b) Recommend general investment guidelines consistent with the Shariah. Any verdict issued by the Shariah Advisor in respect of any Shariah related matter shall be final and acceptable to the Trustee, the Management Company, the Unit Holders and other parties related with that matter.
 - (c) at the end of Annual Accounting Period, issue a certificate, to be included in the Fund's financial reports, in respect of Shariah Compliance of the preceding year's operation of the

Fund and the Shariah Advisor may, at the expense of the Fund, conduct such audit or other investigation as may be necessary for the issuance of the certificate.

- (d) co-ordinate with the Management Company in drawing up of the Deed and other related material documents including Constitutive Documents for the formation of the Unit Trust and to further provide technical guidance and support on various aspects of Shariah., so as to enable the Management Company to operate the Unit Trust as a riba free/Halal avenue of investment.
- (e) Do the research as appropriate for the purpose of screening of investments. The Shariah Advisor will then decide as to which criteria are relevant to be used in the context of Pakistani Markets and the instruments available therein, and which need to be modified/added/deleted.
- (f) Certify that all the provisions of the Constitutive Documents of the Fund and proposed Investments to be made on account of the Fund are Shariah compliant with the established criteria.
- (g) Evaluate and advise upon all new financial instruments as and when introduced for their Shariah permissibility.
- (h) Determine percentage of income and cash flows included in the income and cash flows of the companies in which the Fund has invested from activities not in accordance with the principles of the Shariah, and recommend to the Management Company the criteria for selecting the Charities registered under relevant Pakistani laws to whom such sums shall be donated.
- (i) decide the methodology for calculation of "Haram income"

12. Investment of Trust Property and Exposure Limits

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12.1 Investment Objective

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The investment objective of the Fund is to seek maximum possible preservation of capital and to provide a reasonable rate of return to investors by investing primarily in Shariah Compliant Government Securities and other authorized investments as specified in the Offering Document and/or Supplement (s) to it.

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12.2 Investment Policy

The Investment Policy of the Fund shall be in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Shariah guidelines and directives issued by SECP and shall be specified in the Offering Document.

The Investment Plans under the Scheme shall invest directly in Authorized Investment as approved by the Commission. Details of the Investment Plans shall be disclosed in the Offering Documents and/or Supplemental thereof.

12.3 Investment and Exposure Limits

The Trust Property shall be subject to such exposure limits or other prohibitions as are provided in the Regulations, Offering Document of the Fund, circulars and directives and shall also be subject to any exemptions that may be specifically given to the Fund by SECP and are explicitly mentioned under the heading Exceptions to Investment Restriction in the offering document. If and so long as the value of the holding in a particular company or sector shall exceed the limit imposed by the Regulations, the Management Company shall not purchase any further Investments in such company or sector. In the event Exposure limits are exceeded due to corporate actions including taking up rights or bonus issue and/or owing to appreciation or depreciation in value of any Investment, disposal of any Investment or Redemption of Units, the excess exposure shall be regularized in such manner and within such time as specified in the Regulations, circular or notification issued by SECP from time to time.



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12.4 Shariah Compliant Financing Arrangements

- 12.4.1 Subject to any statutory requirements for the time being in force and to the terms and conditions herein contained, the Management Company on behalf of the scheme may arrange shariah compliant financing for account of one or more Investment Plans, with the approval of the Trustee and the Shariah Advisor from Banks, financial institutions, non-banking finance companies or such other companies as specified by the Commission from time to time. The shariah compliant financing, however, shall not be resorted to, except for meeting the redemption requests and shall be repayable within a period of ninety days and such financing shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the Net Asset of the pertinent Investment Plan at the time of financing or such other limit as specified by the Commission. Financing arrangement will exclusively be made under the Islamic modes of finance and with the approval of the Shariah Advisor of the Fund.
- 12.4.2 The charges payable to any bank, non-banking finance companies or financial institution against borrowings on account of the Scheme as permissible under Clause 12.4.1 above, shall not be higher than the normal prevailing bank charges or normal market rates.
- 12.4.3 Neither the Trustee, nor the Management Company shall be required to issue any guarantee or provide security over their own assets for securing financings from banks and financial institutions. The Trustee or the Management Company shall not in any manner be liable in their personal capacities for repayment of financings
- 12.4.4 For the purposes of securing any financings the Trustee may, subject to clause 12.4.1 above, on the instruction of the Management Company mortgage, charge or pledge in any manner all or any part of the Trust Property of the pertinent Investment Plan.
- 12.4.5 Neither the Trustee nor the Management Company shall incur any liability by reason of any loss to the Trust or any loss that a Unit Holder(s) may suffer by reason of any depletion in the Net Asset Value that may result from any financing arrangement made hereunder in good faith.
- 12.4.6 All financing shall be done only through Islamic Banks, Islamic Banking windows of commercial banks, Islamic Financial institutions under Islamic Shariah based financial contracts.

12.5 Transactions with Connected Persons

Transaction with connected persons shall be in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and directives issued by SECP and shall be specified in the Offering Document.

13. Valuation of Property and Pricing

13.1 Valuation of Assets & Liabilities and Net Asset Value of the Investment Plan

The method for determining the value of the assets and liabilities and the Net Asset Value would be as specified in the Regulations and the directives issued thereunder by the Commission from time to time.

13.2 Determination of Purchase (Offer) Price

- 13.2.1 During Initial Public Offering, Units will be offered at Initial Price as announced by Management Company and subsequently (if offered) at the price calculated and announced by the Management Company for every Dealing Day through its website and MUFAP.
- 13.2.2 After the Initial Offer Period, the Offer Price for the Unit Holder(s) shall be determined from time to time as specified in the Regulations, directives issued there under and the Offering Documents.
- 13.2.3 The Management Company may announce different classes of Units in each Investment Plan with differing levels of Sales Load, as specified in the Offering Documents.

13.3 Determination of Redemption Price

During the Initial Period, the Units shall not be redeemed. After the Initial Period, the Redemption Price of units of the Investment Plan(s) shall be calculated and announced by the Management

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Company for every Dealing Day as specified in the Regulations, directives issued there under and the Offering Documents.

14. Dealing in Units, Issuance of Certificates, Suspension and Deferral of Dealing

14.1 Dealings in Units and Issuance of Certificates

- 14.1.1 Issuance, redemption, transfer, pledge/lien of Units and issuance and replacement of certificates shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Rules, Regulations and directives issued there under and the procedures for these shall be specified in the Offering Document.
- 14.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, where the Units are declared as CDS Eligible Securities, all matters concerning issuance, transfer, pledge and redemption of such Units issued in book entry form or deposited in to the CDS shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Central Depositories Act, 1997 (XIX of 1997), the Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited Regulations as amended from time to time, and any notifications or directions given by the Commission.
- 14.1.3 The maximum interval between the receipt of a properly documented request for redemption of units and the issue of payment instrument for redemption money to the holder not to exceed six working days

14.2 Temporary Change in the Method of Dealing

Subject to compliance with the Regulations and the circumstances mentioned in the Offering Document, the Management Company may request the Trustee to approve a temporary change in the method of dealing in Units.

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14.3 Suspension of Redemption of Units

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- 14.3.1 The Redemption of Units of one or all Investment Plans may be suspended during extraordinary circumstances including closure of the money market, capital market, capital market infrastructure institutions and scheduled banks, the existence of a state of affairs, which in the opinion of the Management Company, constitutes an emergency as a result of which disposal of any investment would not be reasonably practicable or might seriously prejudice the interest of the Scheme or Investment Plan under it or of the Unit Holder(s), or a break down in the means of communication normally employed in determining the price of any investment, or when remittance of money cannot be carried out in reasonable time and if the Management Company is of the view that it would be detrimental to the remaining Unit Holder(s) to redeem Units at a price so determined in accordance with the Net Asset Value (NAV) of respective Investment Plan(s). The Management Company may announce a suspension of redemption and such a measure shall be taken to protect the interest of the Unit Holder(s) in the event of extraordinary circumstances.
- 14.3.2 Redemption requests received on the day of the suspension may be rejected or would be redeemed at the redemption price on the first Dealing Day after the removal of the suspension.

14.4 Queue System

In the event redemption requests on any day exceed ten percent (10%) of the Units in issue of the respective Investment Plan, the Management Company may invoke a queue system whereby requests for redemption shall be processed on a first come first served basis for up to ten percent (10%) of the Units in issue. The Management Company shall proceed to sell adequate assets of the Investment Plan / Fund and/ or arrange borrowing as it deems fit in the best interest of the Holders and shall determine the Redemption Price to be applied to the redemption requests based on such action. Where it is not practical to determine the chronological ranking of any requests in comparison to others received on the same Business Day, such requests shall be processed on a proportional basis proportionate to the size of the requests. The redemption requests in excess of ten percent (10%) of the Units in issue will be carried over to the next Business Day. However, if the carried over requests and the fresh requests received on the next Subscription Day still exceeds ten percent (10%) of the Units in issue of the respective Investment Plan, these shall once again be treated on first-come-first-served basis and the process for generating liquidity and determining the Redemption Price shall be repeated and such procedure shall continue till such time the outstanding redemption requests come down to a level below ten percent (10%) of the Units then

in issue.

14.5 Suspension of Fresh Issue of Units

14.5.1 The Management Company may, under certain circumstances, suspend issue of fresh Units. These circumstances may include

- a) The situation referred in Clause 14.2 or 19 of this Deed;
- b) A force majeure situation in which it is not possible to invest the amount received against issuance of fresh units of such Investment Plan or
- c) Any other situation in which issuance of fresh units is, in Management Company's opinion, against the interests of the existing/remaining unit holders of such Investment Plan.

14.5.2 Such suspension may however not affect existing subscribers for the issue of bonus Units as a result of profit distribution. The Management Company shall announce the details of exemptions at the time a suspension of fresh issue is announced. The Management Company shall immediately notify the SECP and Trustee if issuance of Units of the Investment Plan(s) is suspended and shall also have the fact published, immediately following such decision, in the newspapers in which the Fund's prices are normally published.

14.5.3 In case of suspension of redemption of units due to extraordinary circumstances the issuance of Units shall also be kept suspended until and unless redemption of Units is resumed.

14.5.4 Investment applications received on the day of suspension will not be processed and the amount received shall be returned to the investor.

15. Fees and Charges

15.1 Remuneration of the Management Company and Its Agents

15.1.1 The Management Company shall be entitled to prescribe and receive maximum remuneration up to the maximum rate of remuneration permitted under the Regulations and directives issued there under and will be mentioned in the offering document.

15.1.2 The remuneration shall begin to accrue from the close of Initial Period as specified in the offering document.

15.1.3 Such remuneration shall be paid to the Management Company in arrears within thirty (30) Business Days after the end of each calendar month.

15.1.4 In consideration of the foregoing and save as aforesaid the Management Company shall be responsible for the payment of all expenses incurred by the Management Company from time to time in connection with its responsibilities as Management Company of the Trust. The Management Company shall not make any charge against the Unit Holder(s) or against the Trust Property or against the Distribution Account for its services or for its expenses, except such expenses as are expressly authorized under the provisions of the Regulations and directives issued there under and this Deed to be payable out of Trust Property.

15.1.5 The Management Company shall bear all expenditures in respect of its secretarial and office space and professional management, including all accounting and administrative services provided in accordance with the provisions of this Deed.

15.1.6 Any increase in the remuneration of the Management Company agreed to by the Trustee and approved by the Commission shall require ninety days' prior notice to the unit holders. However, any decrease in remuneration of the Management Company shall not require such notice.

15.2 Remuneration of Trustee and Its Agents

15.2.1 The Trustee shall be entitled to a monthly remuneration out of the Trust Property determined in accordance with **Annexure "C"**. The remuneration shall begin to accrue from the close of Initial Period.

15.2.2 Such remuneration shall be paid to the Trustee in arrears within thirty (30) Business Days after the

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end of each calendar month.

15.2.3 In consideration of the foregoing and save as aforesaid the Trustee shall be responsible for the payment of all expenses incurred by the Trustee from time to time in connection with its duties as Trustee of the Trust. The Trustee shall not make any charge against the Holders or against the Trust Property or against the Distribution Account for their services or for their expenses, except such expenses as are expressly authorized to be paid out of the Trust Property under the provisions of the Regulations and the Constitutive Documents.

15.2.4 Any increase in the remuneration of the Trustee agreed to by the Management Company shall require the approval of the Commission. However, any decrease in remuneration of the Trustee shall not require such approval.

15.3 Formation Cost and its Treatment

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15.3.1 All expenses incurred in connection with the incorporation, establishment and registration of the Fund (formation cost) as per Regulations, shall be reimbursable by the Fund to the Management Company subject to audit of expenses.

15.3.2 The Formation Cost shall be reported by the Management Company to the SECP and the Trustee giving their break-up under separate heads, as soon as the distribution of the Units is completed.

15.3.3 Formation Cost, not exceeding 1.5% of the net assets at the close of initial public offering (IPO)" as per Regulation 60 read with Schedule XX of the Scheme or ten million rupees whichever is lower, shall be divided among the Investment Plans and will be amortized over a period of not less than five years or within the maturity of the pertinent Investment Plan whichever is lower.

15.3.4 Formation Cost shall be charged to the Scheme and shall not exceed such limits as specified in the Regulations or directives issued thereunder.

15.4 Other Costs and Expenses to be Charged to and Borne by the Trust

15.4.1 All other costs and expenses specified in the Regulations and directives issued there under shall be charged to and borne by the Trust and shall be specified in the Offering Document.

15.4.2 All expenses of the scheme incurred jointly for Units of all Investment Plans shall be divided according to the ratios of their net assets.

15.4.3 All expenses incurred on behalf of the Units of a particular Investment Plan shall be fully allocated to that particular Investment Plan to which it relates.

16. Determination of Distributable Income

16.1 The Management Company on behalf of the Scheme shall, for every accounting year, distribute by way of dividend to the unit holders of each Investment Plan not less than ninety per cent of the accounting income of the respective Investment Plan received or derived from sources other than realized and un-realized capital gains as reduced by such expenses as are chargeable to the Scheme / or pertinent Investment Plan under these Regulations.

Explanation. - For the purpose of this Clause the expression "accounting income" means income calculated in accordance with the requirements of International Accounting Standards (IAS) or any other standard as notified by the Commission as are notified under the Companies Act 2017, the Regulations and the directives issued by the SECP. Wherever the requirements of Regulations or the directives issued by SECP differ with the requirement of IAS the Regulations and the said directives shall prevail.

The Management Company may also announce interim dividend subject to requirements of Regulations, circular and directives.

16.2 Out of the amount determined for the purpose of distributable income in respect of each Holder withholding tax, Zakat or other statutory levies, as may be applicable to the relevant Holder shall be deducted before distribution for the relevant Holder.

- 16.3 The Management Company may also decide to distribute in the interest of the Holders, wholly or in part the distributable profits in the form of a stock dividend, which would comprise cash and / or bonus Units of the respective Investment Plan under the Scheme. The bonus Units would rank pari passu as to their rights in the Net Assets of the pertinent Investment Plan, earnings, and receipt of dividend and distribution with the existing Units from the date of issue of these bonus Units. The Management Company may disclose other details and condition for distribution of bonus units and / or cash dividend in the Offering Document of the Fund
- 16.4 Before making any payment in respect of a Unit, the Trustee or the Management Company may make such deductions as may be required by law in respect of any Zakat, income or other taxes, charges or assessments whatsoever and issue to the Holder the certificate in respect of such deductions in the prescribed form or in a form approved or acquired by the concerned authorities.
- 16.5 If any non-halal income is earned the same would be given as charity to a registered charity institution as approved by Shariah Advisor.

17. Change of the Management Company

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- 17.1 The SECP may, either at its own or on the recommendation of the Trustee or Unit Holders representing such percentage of the total Units in issue for the time being as may be prescribed by the Regulations, remove the Management Company in such manner and on the occurrence of such circumstances as are prescribed under the Regulations.
- 17.2 The Commission shall appoint another asset management company as the management company for the Scheme according to the provisions of this Deed and the Rules and Regulations.
- 17.3 The Management Company may voluntarily retire at any time with the prior written consent of the Commission and at least ninety (90) days prior notice to the Trustee and the Unit Holders.
- 17.4 Upon a new management company being appointed the Management Company will take immediate steps to hand over all the documents and records pertaining to the Trust to the new management company and shall pay all sums due to the Trustee. The Management Company shall have the right to receive its remuneration upto the effective date of removal or retirement.
- 17.5 Upon its appointment the new management company shall exercise all the powers and enjoy all the rights and shall be subject to all duties and obligations of the management company hereunder as fully as though such new management company had originally been a party hereto.
- 17.6 Furthermore, the Trustee may immediately in case of retirement, removal or cancellation of license of Management Company appoint auditors with the consent of the Commission from amongst the panel of auditors designated as "A" Category by State Bank of Pakistan for the audit of financial institutions. The Trustee shall ensure that accounts of the Fund till the day of the appointment of the new management company are audited by such Auditor.
- 17.7 The auditors so appointed shall be other than the existing auditors of the Fund, the Management Company and the Trustee.
- 17.8 The auditors shall have the same scope as that for the annual audit, or such other enhanced scope as may be specified by the Trustee or Commission.
- 17.9 The audit report for the audit shall be submitted by the auditors to the Trustee not later than thirty (30) Business Days from their appointment. A copy of the report shall also be provided to the Commission, Management Company and the new management company.
- 17.10 The costs of such audit shall be borne by the respective Investment Plans on the basis of its net assets.

18. Change of Trustee

- 18.1 The Trustee may, subject to the prior approval of the Commission, retire from his office on appointment of a new trustee and the retirement shall take effect at the same time as the new trustee is appointed with the approval of the Commission or from the date of assumption of Trust




Property of the Scheme by the newly appointed trustee, whichever is later.

- 18.2 In circumstances where the Commission is of the opinion that Trustee has been in violation of the Regulations or this Trust Deed or found guilty of misconduct or failed to discharge its obligations under the Regulations, it may remove the Trustee after giving an opportunity of being heard.
- 18.3 The Management Company may, giving cogent reasons, apply to the Commission for change of the Trustee by simultaneously proposing appointment of a new trustee. A new trustee shall be appointed when the Commission is satisfied with the circumstances and reasons for this change and accords approval for appointment of such a new trustee.
- 18.4 Upon the appointment of a new trustee the Trustee shall immediately hand over all the documents and records to the new trustee and shall transfer all the Trust Property and any amount held in any Distribution Account to the new trustee and make payments to the new trustee of all sums due from the Trustee. The Trustee shall have the right to receive its remuneration up to the effective date of its removal or retirement.
- 18.5 The new trustee shall exercise all the powers and enjoy all the rights and shall be subject to all duties and obligations of the Trustee hereunder as fully as though such new trustee had originally been a party hereto.
- 18.6 The Management Company may immediately in case of retirement or removal of Trustee appoint auditors with the consent of the Commission from amongst the panel of auditors designated as "A" Category by State Bank of Pakistan for the audit of financial institutions. The Management Company shall ensure that accounts of the Fund till the day of the appointment of the new trustee are audited by such Auditor.
- 18.7 The auditors so appointed shall be other than the existing auditors of the Fund, the Management Company and the Trustee.
- 18.8 The auditors shall have the scope as may be specified by the Management Company or Commission.
- 18.9 The audit report for the audit shall be submitted by the auditors to the Management Company not later than thirty (30) Business Days from their appointment. A copy of the report shall also be provided to the Commission, the Trustee and the new trustee.
- 18.10 The costs of such audit shall be borne by the Fund.

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19. Termination, Winding Up, Revocation and Liquidation of the Scheme

- 19.1 The Management Company subject to regulatory approval, may announce winding up of the Trust and / or individual Investment Plan(s) in the event redemption requests build up to a level where the Management Company is of the view that the disposal of the Trust Property to meet such redemptions would jeopardize the interests of the remaining Unit Holder(s) and that it would be in the best interest of all the Unit Holder(s) that the Trust and / or the individual Investment Plan be wound up.
- 19.2 In such an event, Queue system, if already invoked, shall cease to exist and all unit holders shall be paid after selling the assets under their respective Investment Plan(s) and determining the final redemption price for the investment plan(s) being offered under this scheme.
- 19.3 The Trust may also be terminated/ revoked on the grounds given in the Rules and Regulations.
- 19.4 After termination / revocation, liquidation proceeds shall be distributed, among the unit holders in proportion to the number of units held by them, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Regulations.

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Liquidation of Investment Plan(s)

The Trustee on the recommendation of the Management Company shall from time to time distribute to the Unit Holders all cash proceeds derived (after deduction of below mentioned expenses) from realization of Trust property under any respective Investment Plan on pro rata number of Units of the Investment Plan held by them:

- a) Repayment of any financing affected by the Trust of that particular Investment Plan together with any mark – up or profit remaining unpaid.
- b) Retention of such sums as considered or apprehended by the Trustee and Management Company for all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands.

The Trustee shall however not be liable if the sales proceeds of the investment fall short of the adjustment in 19.4(a) and 19.4(b) above. However, if there is any surplus out of the sum so retained by the Trustee, the same shall be distributed pro-rata amongst the Unit Holders of the pertinent Investment Plan. However, the simultaneous liquidation of all the investment plan(s) does not constitute the liquidation of the trust

20. Base Currency

The base currency of the Scheme shall be Pakistani Rupee; it being clarified, however, that the Authorized Investments may be denominated in Pakistani Rupee or (subject to applicable law) any other Foreign Currency.

21. Modification of the Trust Deed

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- 21.1 In case the amendments are proposed in the fundamental attribute of the Constitutive Document of an open-end scheme including category of scheme, investment objective and policy, increase in management fee and increase in contingent load or back end load or any other material change affecting existing unitholders, the asset management company must give at least thirty (30) days prior notice to each Unit Holder about the proposed change and the Unit Holders shall be given an option to exit at the applicable Net Asset Value without charge of any Exit Load.

- 21.2 The Trustee and the Management Company acting together shall be entitled by a Supplemental Deed to modify, alter or add to the provisions of this Deed in such manner and to such extent as they may consider expedient for any purpose, subject to the prior approval of the SECP and the shariah advisor and written notice to the unit holders subject to the condition that it does not prejudice the interests of unit holders.

- 21.3 If, at any time, any Clause of this Trust Deed is, or becomes, in whole or in part, illegal, invalid or unenforceable under the laws of any applicable jurisdiction, neither the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining Clauses of this Trust Deed, nor the legality, validity or enforceability of such Clause under the law of any other jurisdiction shall in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

22. Audit

The Management Company shall appoint auditor in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations and directions issued thereunder.

23. Arbitration

In the event of any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Trust Deed or the Offering Document between the Management Company on the one part and the Trustee on the other part, including as to the respective rights and obligations of the parties hereto, as well as those relating to the interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Trust Deed and the Offering Document of the Unit Trust, the same shall be referred to arbitration by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Management Company and the other to be appointed by the Trustee. In the event of lack of consensus between the two arbitrators, the matter shall be referred to an umpire, to be selected by the two arbitrators before commencement of the reference. The unanimous decision of both the

arbitrators, or the decision of the umpire, as the case may be, shall be final and binding upon both the parties hereto. The arbitrators and the umpire shall be selected from amongst retired judges, senior chartered accountants, or senior lawyers, or senior bankers or senior members of the Stock Exchange(s). The venue of the arbitration shall be Lahore or any other city in Pakistan as may be mutually agreed. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration Act, 1940.

24. Confidentiality

The Trustee and the Management Company and every director or officer of the Trustee and the Management Company who are in any way engaged in the business of the Trust and all persons employed or engaged by the Trustee or the Management Company in connection with the business of the Trust shall observe strict confidentiality in respect of all transactions of the Trust, its Holders and all matters relating thereto and shall not disclose any information or document which may come to their knowledge or possession in the discharge of their duties except when required to do so in the ordinary course of performance of their duties or by law or if compelled by any court of law or a competent authority.

25. Miscellaneous

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- 25.1 Any notice required to be served upon the Holder shall be deemed to have been duly given if sent by post, by courier, email or any other electronic medium or left at his address as appearing in the Register. Any notice so served by post/courier/email or other electronic means shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing the same is posted/sent by courier, by email or other electronic means upon receiving confirmation of receipt of such email or other electronic means and in proving such service, it shall be sufficient to prove that such letter was properly addressed, stamped (if required) and posted/sent by courier. The Management Company shall advertise any such notice in a newspaper widely published.
- 25.2 Service of a notice or document on any one of several joint Holders shall be deemed effective service on the other joint Holders.
- 25.3 Any notice or document sent by post to or left at the registered address of a Holder shall notwithstanding that such Holder be then dead or bankrupt/insolvent and whether or not the Trustee or the Management Company have notice of his death or bankruptcy be deemed to have been duly served and such service shall be deemed a sufficient service on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the Units concerned.
- 25.4 A copy of this Trust Deed and of any Supplemental Deed shall be made available for inspection at the respective Head Offices of the Trustee and the Management Company at all times during usual business hours and shall be supplied by the Management Company to any person on application at a charge of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred) per copy or at such rate as determined from time to time by the Management Company.

26. Definitions

Unless the context requires otherwise the following words or expressions when used in this Trust Deed shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them:

"Accounting Date" means the thirtieth day of June in each year and any interim date on which the financial statements of the Trust are drawn up. Provided that the Management Company may, under intimation to the Trustee after obtaining approval from the relevant competent authority may change such date to any other date and such change shall be intimated to the Commission.

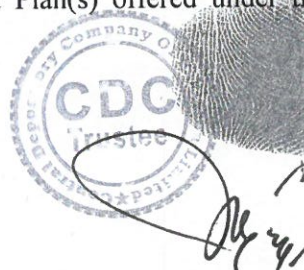
"Accounting Period" means a period ending on and including an Accounting Date and commencing (in case of the first such period) on the date on which the Trust Property is first paid or transferred to the Trustee and (in any other case) from the next day of the preceding Accounting Period.

"Act" means the Companies Act 2017.

"Investment Plan(s)" mean(s) approved Investment Plan(s) offered under the Scheme. Each



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Investment Plan shall invest only in permissible asset classes and/or other instruments as approved by the Commission. Details of the Investment Plan(s) shall be disclosed in the Offering Document of the Scheme.

“Annual Accounting Period” or “Financial Year” means the period commence on 1st July and shall end on 30th June of the succeeding calendar year.

“Asset Management Company” means an NBFC licensed by the Commission to provide asset management services.

“Auditor” means the Auditor of the Trust appointed by the Management Company, with the consent of the Trustee, as per the Regulations.

“Authorized Branches” means those branches of Distributors which are allowed by the Management Company to deal in Units of the Funds managed by the Management Company.

“Authorized Investments” means any investment which may be authorized by the Commission but does not include restricted investments as specified in the Offering Documents from time to time.

“Back-end Load” means charges deducted from the Net Asset Value in determining the Redemption Price; provided however that different levels of Back-end Load may be applied to different classes of units, but unit holders within a class shall be charged same level of back end load as disclosed in the Offering Document.

“Bank” means Islamic bank and/or Islamic banking window of conventional bank providing banking services under the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, or any other regulation in force for the time being in Pakistan, or if operating outside Pakistan, under the banking laws of the jurisdiction of its operation outside Pakistan.

“Bank Accounts” Bank Accounts shall only be opened in Scheduled Islamic Banks, Islamic banking windows of scheduled commercial banks. In case an account needs to be opened with a conventional bank, it shall only be a current account and it shall be opened after specific approval from the Shariah Advisor.

“Business Day” means any day on which scheduled banks and the Management Company is open for business in Pakistan.

“Certificate” means the definitive certificate acknowledging the number of Units registered in the name of the Unit Holder issued at the request of the Unit Holder pursuant to the provisions of this Trust Deed.

“Charity” means amount paid by the Trustee, upon instruction of the Management Company and in consultation with the Shariah Advisor, out of the income of the Fund to approved Charitable Trust/welfare organization, representing income which is impermissible/ Haram.

“Constitutive Documents” includes the trust deed, offering document, supplemental documents and other principal documents governing the formation of a Closed End Scheme, Open End Scheme or a Pension Fund and all other related material agreements.

“Contingent Load” means amount payable by the Unit Holder on redemption of Units at actual basis as specified in the Offering Document. Any such amount would be treated as part of the Trust property.

“Custodian” means a Bank, a Depository or an Investment Finance Company licensed under the Regulations, which may be appointed by the Trustee with the consent of the Management Company to hold and protect the Trust Property or any part thereof as custodian on behalf of the Trustee; and shall also include the Trustee itself if it provides custodial services for the Fund.

“Cut Off Timings” means day time for dealing in Units of the Fund. The Details of Cut-off Time will be prescribed in Offering Document of the Fund.

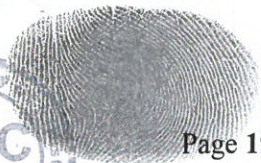
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“Dealing Day” means that Business Day on which Units will be available for dealing (purchase, redemption, transfer, switching etc.). The cut-off timings for issuance, redemption, and conversion etc. of units of the Scheme will be as defined in the Offering Documents on all Dealing Days. Provided that the Management Company may with the prior written consent of the Trustee and upon giving not less than seven days’ notice in a widely circulated newspaper in Pakistan declare any particular Business Day(s) not to be a Dealing Day(s).

“Distribution Account” means the Bank Account (which may be a current, saving or deposit account) maintained separately for each Investment Plan by the Trustee with a Bank as directed by the Management Company in which the amount required for distribution of income to the Unit Holder(s) of the pertinent Investment Plan may be transferred. Income or profit, if any, including those accruing on unclaimed dividends, in this account shall be transferred to the main account of the Investment Plan from time to time, as part of the Trust Property for the benefit of the Unit Holder(s) of the Investment Plan.

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“Distributor / Distribution Company” means a company/ firm appointed by the Management Company under intimation to the Trustee for performing any or all of the Distribution Functions and shall also include the Management Company itself, if it performs the Distribution Function.

“Duties and Charges” means in relation to any particular transaction or dealing all stamp and other duties, taxes, Government charges, bank charges, transfer fees, registration fees and other duties and charges in connection with the increase or decrease of the Trust Property or the creation, issue, sale, transfer, redemption or purchase of Units or the sale or purchase of Investment or in respect of the issue, transfer, cancellation or replacement of a Certificate or otherwise which may have become or may be payable in respect of or prior to or upon the occasion of the transaction or dealing in respect of which such duties and charges are payable, but do not include the remuneration payable to the Distribution Company or any commission payable to agents on sales and redemption of Units or any commission charges or costs which may have been taken into account in ascertaining the Net Asset Value.

“Exit Load” means contingent load or, back-end load as may be applied by Management Company.

“Financial Institution” carries the same meaning as defined under the Companies Act, 2017.

“Formation Cost” means preliminary expenses relating to regulatory and registration fees of the Scheme, flotation expenses of the Scheme, expenses relating to authorization of the Scheme, execution and registration of the Constitutive Documents, legal costs, printing, circulation and publication of the Offering Document, announcements describing the Scheme and all other expenses incurred until the end of the Pre-IPO Period.

“Force Majeure” means any occurrence or circumstance or element which delays or prevents performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Deed or any obligations of the Management Company or the Trustee and shall include but not limited to any circumstance or element that cannot be reasonably controlled, predicted, avoided or overcome by any party hereto and which occurs after the execution of this Deed and makes the performance of the Deed in whole or in part impossible or impracticable or delays the performance, including but not limited to any situation where performance is impossible without unreasonable expenditure. Such circumstances include but are not limited to floods, fires, droughts, typhoons, earthquakes and other acts of God and other unavoidable or unpredictable elements beyond reasonable control, such as war (declared or undeclared), insurrection, civil war, acts of terrorism, accidents, strikes, riots, turmoil, civil commotion, any act or omission of a governmental authority, failure of communication system, hacking of computer system and transmissions by unscrupulous persons, closure of stock exchanges, banks or financial institutions, freezing of economic activities and other macro-economic factors, etc.

“Front-end Load” means the Sales Load which may be included in the Offer Price of the Units, as defined in Offering Document.

“Government Securities” include monetary obligations of the Federal Government or a Provincial



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Government or of a corporation wholly owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Federal Government or a Provincial Government and guaranteed by the Federal Government and any other security as the Federal Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare, to the extent determined from time to time, to be a Government Securities.

"Holder" or "Unit Holder" or means the investor for the time being entered in the Register as owner of a Unit including investors jointly so registered pursuant to the provisions of this Trust Deed.

"Haram Income" means any income prohibited by the Shariah.

"Initial Price" means the price per Unit during the Pre-IPO & IPO Period determined by the Management Company as mentioned in the Offering Document.

"Investment" means any Authorized Investment forming part of the Trust Property.

"Investment Facilitators/Advisors/Sales Agents" means an individual, firm, corporate or other entity appointed by the Management Company to identify, solicit and assist investors in investing in the Scheme. The Management Company shall compensate the Investment Facilitators/Sales Agents.

"Life of Plan" means duration of the Plan. From the end day of the Subscription Period following realization of all investment proceeds raised till the close of Subscription Period, the Life of the Plan may start anytime within or no later than seven (7) seven business days from the close of Subscription Period.

"NAV of Investment Plan" means per Unit Value of the pertinent Investment Plan being offered under the Fund arrived at by dividing the Net Assets of the Investment Plan(s) by the number of Unit(s) outstanding for such Investment Plan. The NAV of each Investment Plan shall be announced on each Dealing Day as per the direction of the Commission from time to time.

"Net Assets of Investment Plan" means the excess of asset over liabilities of a pertinent Investment Plan being offered under the Fund, such excess being computed in the manner as specified under the Regulations.

"Net Assets", in relation to a collective investment scheme and pension fund, means the excess of assets over liabilities of the collective investment scheme or pension fund, computed in the manner provided in these regulation.

"Net Asset Value" or "NAV" means per Unit value of the Trust arrived at by dividing the Net Assets by the number of Units outstanding.

"Net Realizable Value" means the proceeds paid to the Unit Holder at completion of Life of Plan or perpetual for the Investment Plan as defined under investment policy of the respective Investment Plans in the Offering Document of the Fund.

"Offer Price" or "Purchase Price" means the sum to be paid by investor(s) for the purchase of one Unit of the respective Investment Plan. Such price is to be determined in accordance with Clause 13.2 of this Trust Deed.

"Offering Document" includes, - (a) a published document containing information on a Collective Investment Scheme to invite the public for purchase of certificates or units in that scheme; (b) a document inviting contributions from eligible persons for a pension fund; and (c) all supplementary documents thereto or any document relating to an income payment plan.

"On-line" means transactions through electronic data-interchange whether real time transactions or otherwise, which may be through the internet, intranet networks and the like.

"Open End Scheme" means a collective Investment Scheme which offers units for sale based on net asset value on continuous basis without specifying any duration for redemption and which entitles the holder of such units on demand to receive his proportionate share of the net assets of

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the scheme less any applicable charges on redemption or revocation.

"Ordinance" means the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984).

"Par Value" means the face value of a Unit i.e. Rs. 10 or such other amount determined by the Management Company from time to time and disclosed in the Offering Document of the Trust.

"Redemption Price" means the amount to be paid to the relevant Unit Holder(s) upon redemption of that Unit, such amount to be determined pursuant to Clause 13.3 of this Trust Deed.

"Register" means the Register of the Unit Holder(s) kept pursuant to the Regulations and this Trust Deed.

"Registrar Functions" means the functions with regard to:

- a) maintaining the Register, including keeping a record of change of addresses/other particulars of the Unit Holder(s);
- b) issuing account statements to the Unit Holder(s);
- c) issuing Certificates;
- d) canceling old Certificates on redemption or replacement thereof;
- e) processing of applications for issue, redemption, transfer and transmission of Units, recording of pledges, liens and changes in the data with regard to the Unit Holder(s);
- f) issuing and dispatching of Certificates;
- g) Dispatching income distribution warrants, and bank transfer intimation and distributing bonus/ or cash dividend units or partly both and allocating Units to Holders on re-investment of dividends; and
- h) Maintaining record of lien/pledge/charge on units, transfer/switching of units, Zakat.

"Regulations" means the Non-Banking Finance Companies and Notified Entities Regulations, 2008 and the Schedules and Forms attached to it.

"Rules" mean the Non-Banking Finance Companies (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2003.

"Sales Load" means front end load deducted at the time of investment or back-end load charged at the time of redemption from Scheme. However, the load charged upon redemption and which forms part of the Scheme shall not classify as sales load.

"SECP" or "Commission" means Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan established under Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997 and shall include its successor.

"Stock Exchange" means a public company that is licensed by the Commission as a security exchange under section 5 of Securities Act, 2015.

"Subscription Period" means the period in which units are offered for purchase on prevailing NAV of the respective Investment Plan as defined in Annexure B of the Offering Document.

"Supplemental Deed" means a deed supplemental to this Deed, executed by the Management Company and the Trustee, after seeking approval of the SECP, to modify, add to, alter and amend or amend and restate the provisions of this Deed or any other Supplemental Deed in such manner and to such extent as may be considered expedient for all purposes, which shall be consolidated, read and construed together with this Deed.

"Supplementary Offering Document" means a document issued to modify, add to, alter and amend, amend and restate or to make any other amendment to the Offering Document in such manner and to such extent as considered expedient for all purposes by the Management Company, with the consent of the Trustee, after seeking approval of the SECP, and the same shall be consolidated, read and construed together with the Offering Document."

"Shariah" means divine guidance as given by the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of Holy Prophet Muhammad and embodies all aspects of the Islamic faith, including beliefs, practices, rules and principles as per the interpretation of the Shariah Advisor of the fund.

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“Shariah Advisor” means an Institution or a body of Islamic scholars, or an individual Islamic scholar, appointed by the Management Company under Shariah advisor Regulation 2017 of SECP and intimation to the Commission and the Trustee, having knowledge of Islamic finance, to supervise and monitor the activities of the Fund in order to ensure that all its activities comply with Shariah.

“Shariah Compliant” means any activity that is in accordance with the Islamic Shariah as advised by the Shariah Advisor.

“Transaction Costs” means the costs incurred or estimated by the Management Company to cover the costs (such as, but not restricted to, brokerage, Trustee charges, taxes or levies on transactions, etc.) related to the investing or disinvesting activity of the Trust’s portfolio, inter alia, necessitated by creation or cancellation of Units or issuance or redemption of Units, which costs may be added to the NAV for determining the Offer Price of Units or to be deducted from the NAV in determining the Redemption Price.

“Transfer Agent” means a company including a Bank that the Management Company shall appoint for performing the registrar functions. The Management Company may itself perform the registrar function.

“Trust” or “Unit Trust” or “Fund” or “ABL Islamic Sovereign Fund” or “ABL-ISSF” or “Scheme” means the Unit Trust constituted by this Trust Deed for continuous offers for sale of Units of the Investment Plans under the Trust.

“Trust Deed” or “Deed” means this trust deed executed between the Management Company and the Trustee along with all the exhibits appended hereto, and includes any Supplemental Deed.

“Trust Property of the Scheme” means the aggregate proceeds of all Units of all Investment Plans issued from time to time after deducting Duties and Charges, and after deducting there from any applicable Front-end Load and includes Investment and all income, profit and other benefits arising wherefrom and all cash, bank balances and other assets and property of every description from the time being held or deemed to be held upon trust by the Trustee for the benefit of the Unit Holder(s) pursuant to this Deed but does not include any amount available for distribution in the Distribution Accounts of the Investment Plans. However, Contingent Load and any profit on the Distribution Account of the Investment Plans shall also form part of the Trust Property of the Scheme.

“Unit” means one undivided share in the Trust, and where the context so indicates, a fraction thereof.

“Zakat” has the same meaning as in Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 (XVIII of 1980)

Words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Rules and Regulations. Words importing persons include corporations, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender, words importing singular include plural and words **“written”** or **“in writing”** include printing, engraving, lithography or other means of visible reproduction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF THIS TRUST DEED has been executed at the date mentioned herein above.

The Common Seal of ABL Asset Management Company Limited was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Authorized Person: [Signature]
Name:
Designation:
CNIC No:

Authorized Person: [Signature]
Name: Muddasser Nazir
Designation: Head of Finance
CNIC No: 42201-2680742-1

WITNESSES:

[Signature]
Name: ELHAN UL HAQ
CNIC No.: 38401-3341666-1

[Signature]
Name: JAWAID PERVEZ KHAN
CNIC No.: 42201-0313386-7

The Common Seal of Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Authorized Person: [Signature]
Name: Atiqur Rehman
Designation: Head of Trustee and Custodial Services
CNIC No.: 42501-9253203-1

WITNESSES:

1. Name: REHAN KHAN

2. Name: ABDUL REHMAN

Signature: [Signature]

Signature: [Signature]

CNIC No.: 31101-1665419-1

CNIC No.: 35202-1874792-3

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ANNEXURE 'C'

REMUNERATION OF TRUSTEE AND ITS AGENT

The trustee remuneration shall consist of reimbursement of actual custodial expenses / charges as defined in the Offering Document.

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