

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

### **The Impact of Sales and Service Tax (SST) on Your Investments in OpusAsset (Effective 1 October 2025)**

#### **1. What is Sales and Service Tax (SST)?**

SST is a consumption tax imposed by the Malaysian government on certain goods and services. It consists of two parts: a) Sales Tax on manufactured and imported goods and b) Service Tax on specific services. For the financial services sector, the Service Tax rate is 8%. The Royal Malaysian Customs Department is the authority that administers this tax.

#### **2. When will these changes take effect?**

The 8% SST will be applied to all applicable fees and charges effective 1 October 2025.

#### **3. Are the fees and expenses related to all the funds (wholesale funds and unit trust funds) and discretionary portfolios offered by OpusAsset subject to SST?**

Yes, the fees and charges associated with all the funds and discretionary portfolios offered by OpusAsset are subject to the SST charge.

#### **4. Who pays for the SST?**

SST charges will be borne by the investors. The tax will be included in the fees the fund pay for taxable services.

#### **5. Which fees and charges are subject to SST?**

SST may be applied to a range of investment-related fees, including but not limited to:

- Management fees
- Sales charges
- Fund accounting fees
- Switching fees
- Transfer fees
- Custodian fees, if part of a fee-based service
- Brokerage fees

#### **6. Are there any fees or distributions that are NOT subject to SST?**

Yes, not all charges are affected. Based on current guidelines, the followings are not subject to SST:

- Income or dividend distributions.
- Redemption charges that are imposed as a penalty. For instance, for closed-ended funds.

**7. How can I determine the total SST charge on the fund?**

The total SST charged to the fund will be disclosed as a distinct line item or separate component within the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the fund's Annual Report.

**8. How is SST calculated for a new investment (subscription)?**

SST is calculated based on the sales charge amount. Total SST is then deducted from your investment, affecting your net investment amount.

**Example:** Subscription of RM10,000 with a 2% sales charge.

**a. Sales Charge:**

The formula is: Amount received / [1 + Sales charge (%) + (Sales charge (%) x SST (%))] x Sales charge (%) = RM10,000 / [1 + 0.02 + (0.02 \* 0.08)] \* 0.02 = RM195.77.

**b. Service Tax (8% on Sales Charge):**

RM195.77 \* 0.08 = RM15.66.

**c. Net Investment Amount:**

RM10,000 – RM195.77 – RM15.66 = RM9,788.57.

**9. How will I know if I have been charged SST?**

The SST will be shown as a separate line item on your invoices, e-invoices, or transaction confirmations, in accordance with regulations.

**10. How is SST calculated for a switching/ transfer transaction?**

If any fees (like a switching fee on the fund you are switching out of, or a sales charge on the fund you are switching into) are charged, SST will be applied to those fees.

**11. Does SST apply to all types of accounts, like joint and corporate accounts?**

SST is charged based on the service provided, not the type of account holder, so it applies to personal, joint, and corporate accounts.

**12. If I exercise my cooling-off right, will the SST be refunded?**

Yes, if you exercise your cooling-off right, you can get a refund for the SST that was paid.

**13. Can the asset management company waive the SST?**

No. As a registered entity, an asset manager is legally required to collect and remit the SST to the Royal Malaysian Customs Department and cannot waive it.

**14. Where can I find more information?**

For official details, you can refer to the guidelines and publications from the Royal Malaysian Customs Department website.