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**Reviewer 1**

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| **No.** | **Comments** | **How The Comments Were Addressed** | **Page Number** |
| 1 | The current title is very long. The authors may consider the following potential title. This is only a suggestion. The title should be short and attractive.  “What Factors Motivate Socially Responsible Investments in Malaysia?” | We have revised the title to make it more concise and to include the important elements of the study. The title is revised to  **“Drivers of socially responsible investments in Malaysia: An extended theory of planned behaviour perspective”** | 01 |
| 2 | I’d like to recommend incorporating the following points into the abstract:   * 1. To draw the readers' attraction, please highlight what problems are encountered by investors in the context of socially responsible investments. * 2. Please briefly discuss why Malaysian investors are chosen instead of others. * 3. Please briefly indicate what research methodology has been employed. * 4. Please state clearly from which sources data have been collected. Was it from the entire Malaysia or a certain part of Malaysia?   5. Please state clearly what kind of software you have applied to analyse the data.  6. Please clearly indicate results.  Note to author(s): Many readers will only read the abstract of your manuscript. Therefore, it has to be stand-alone. In most cases, the abstract is the only part of your article that appears in indexing databases such as Web of Science or Scopus. So, it will be the most accessed part of your article, and making a good impression will encourage researchers to read your full paper and cite as well. | 1. Investors frequently face challenges in combining the potential for financial gains with the ethical considerations associated with SRI, such as the perceived risk of underperformance and a lack of awareness or comprehension of available SRI solutions 2. Malaysian investors were chosen for this study because of their distinct cultural and regulatory environment, which influences their investment behaviour and attitudes toward socially responsible investing 3. The research methodology is mentioned in Abstract. 4. The data set was collected from various investor clubs. This also has been addressed in section 3.1 Sampling and Data Collection 5. Statistical analysis with SPSS software is used to analyse significant elements impacting investor perceptions of short- and long-term financial rewards from SRI. 6. The finding/results have been stated in Abstract. | 01 (Abstract, Para 1)  01 (Abstract, Para 1)  01 (Abstract, Para 2)  01 (Abstract, Para 2),09 (Sampling and Data Collection)  01 (Abstract, Para 2)  01 (Abstract, Para 2) |
| 3 | In the introduction, the motivation of the research seems to be a little bit weak and seems rather unspecified. | The motivation for the study has been improved accordingly in Introduction. | 02 (Introduction, Para 4) |
| 4 | Research questions must be explicitly stated in the introduction. Show how the main literature informs the formulation of your research question(s). | The research question has been stated in introduction accordingly. | 02 (Introduction, Para 3) |
| 5 | Some direct statements require citational support. For example, on page 2 the author(s) mentioned that, “Sustainable investing, also known as socially responsible investing, is becoming an increasingly popular trend among mainstream investors.” “Global challenges such as climate change and pollution have prompted investors to demand more ethical and responsible corporate practices.” And so on. | Proper citation has been provided for this statement as well as throughout the manuscript. | 02 (Introduction, Para 1) |
| 6 | In terms of your main literature, why Socially Responsible Investors in Malaysia are important? Why not other sectors instead of SRI? What characteristics distinguish Malaysia from other neighboring countries? How do these characteristics address the existing knowledge gap in literature? | The importance of SRI and Malaysia as the context of study has been stated in section 2.1 “An Overview of SRI” | 03 (An Overview of SRI) |
| 7 | Moreover, why your proposed model is important? What aspect that your proposed model address? Why were these aspects overlooked by previous research – especially in the main literature? | The reason behind the proposed model has been thoroughly explained from section 2.2 to 2.4. | 04 - 05 |
| 8 | I would ask the author(s) to add at least 5-10 new journal articles (not conferences – not blogs – not practitioner reports) published in 2024. I would suggest using journal articles from reputable major outlets. I would suggest you use the 5-10 papers to strengthen the motivational section (e.g. show how your work is novel compared to other recent similar works) or to strengthen the theoretical development. | The author have added new relevant journal articles to facilitate and uphold the credibility of the paper. |  |
| 9 | Please address the following items in your research methodology section.  1. Where are the measurement items were taken? Was it adopted or adapted?  2.What is the sampling framework of your samples? Why current methodology has been used to analyse the data instead of others? | 1. The measurement items have been detailed in Table 1 and clearly shows its source of development. 2. Sampling and Methodology have been addressed under section 3.1 “Sampling and Data Collection” and 3.3 “Data Analysis and Pre-test) | 10 (Table 1)  09 (Sampling and Data Collection) and 11 (Data Analysis and pre-tests) |
| 10 | Tables 4, 6,7, 9, and 10 have no value. Could you please delete them? | We have amended all tables (including table names) to enhance clarity and have included only the pertinent tables needed for the study and findings. This includes Table 2 (full collinearity test), Table 3 (respondent profile), Table 4 - 7 (measurement model results required for clarity on validity), Tables 8-9 (structural model on hypotheses findings and overall model results). These results are an important part for PLS-SEM reporting and are hence included. | 12 (Table 2)  13 (Table 3)  14 (Table 4)  16 (Table 5 and 6)  17 (Table 7)  18 (Table 8 and 9) |
| 11 | In Table 8, please delete the REMARKS part/column. Only keep results (support/not support). | Table 8 remarks have been removed only results (supported / not supported are maintained). | 18 (Table 8) |
| 12 | Almost all table’s findings require explaining WHY. | All pertinent tables included have been reorganized with proper interpretation included to describe important findings. | 11(3.3 Data Analysis and Pre-tests) 12-18 (4.0 Analysis and Findings) |
| 13 | Show how your findings are addressing your research question. | The connection between findings and research questions have been made in the discussion from section 5.1 to 5.7. | 19-21 (5.1 - 5.7) |

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**Reviewer 2**

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| 1 | The title is too wordy! User abbreviations to make the title shorter. | We have revised the title to make it more concise and to include the important elements of the study. The title is revised to  **“Drivers of socially responsible investments in Malaysia: An extended theory of planned behaviour perspective”** | 01 |
| 2 | Instead of future tense, use present tense in the abstract. Highlight the key findings and implications of the study in 3-4 sentences apart from the background and methodology-related sentences in the abstract. | The adjustment has been made in Abstract | 01 (Abstract) |
| 3 | The introduction should answer the what and why question of the study. It should be supported by relevant literature as well. | The introduction has been improved answering the questions with supported literature. | 02 (Introduction) |
| 4 | The literature review could be better organized by grouping related theories and concepts more cohesively, which would improve the logical flow of the arguments. | The organization of the literature has been improved to display a more logical flow of the discussion starting from an overview of SRI, the theoretical considerations and variables of study, as well as the conceptual model and hypotheses development. | 03 - 09 |
| 5 | The sampling method and justification for the sample size are not clearly explained. Provide a more detailed description of the sampling process, survey design, and the reasoning behind choosing SmartPLS for data analysis. | The sampling process, survey design and data analysis have been detailed in sections 3.1 to 3.3 | 09 - 12 |
| 6 | Discuss unexpected results in more depth and explore potential alternative interpretations or reasons for any discrepancies. | The discussion have been improved. The connection between findings and research questions have been made in the discussion from section 5.1 to 5.7. | 19-21 (5.1 - 5.7) |
| 7 | If the research is within the field of Islamic finance, add sections that address Islamic principles relevant to SRI. | Islamic finance principles may contribute to SRI, e.g. by promoting ethical practices such as risk-sharing and social welfare. While these align with SRI’s objectives, such principles represent only one facet of the broader SRI landscape. SRI encompasses a wider range of ESG criteria, reflecting a more comprehensive approach to responsible investment that addresses diverse ethical and sustainability concerns. We have incorporated some of these aspects in our research model such as moral norms and environmental concerns. Thus we respectfully did not include Islamic principles into the current study. |  |
| 8 | Discuss potential reasons for the unexpected results and consider other factors that might have influenced the findings. | The discussion has been improved. The connection between findings and research questions have been made in the discussion from section 5.1 to 5.7. | 19-21 (5.1 - 5.7) |
| 9 | The discussion does not adequately explain why certain hypotheses were supported or not supported. Providing a more in-depth interpretation of the results in the context of the literature would enhance the analysis. | The discussion has been improved. The connection between findings and research questions have been made in the discussion from section 5.1 to 5.7. | 19-21 (5.1 - 5.7) |
| 10 | The conclusion should more clearly articulate the broader implications of the study for theory, policy, and practice. What are the study's contributions to the field, and how should future researchers build on it? | The conclusion and implications of the study have been improved and addressed in section 5.8 and 5.11 | 22 - 23 and 24 |
| 11 | Recommendations for policymakers and practitioners could be more specific. For instance, how can the findings be used to develop financial literacy programs or promote SRI among Malaysian investors? | This has been improved in section 5.8.2 | 22 |
| 12 | Future research directions should be more explicitly outlined, identifying gaps in the study and suggesting areas for further investigation. | A more explicit discussion has been addressed in section 5.10 | 23 |