

Affin Hwang Equity Fund

Annual Report
30 April 2022

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AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements For The Financial Year Ended 30 April 2022

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FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	Affin Hwang Equity Fund
Fund Type	Income & Growth
Fund Category	Equity
Investment Objective	To reward the Unit Holders with a reasonable rate of return on income and to realise capital growth
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI
Distribution Policy	Distribution (if any) will be subject to the availability of income

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As At 30 Apr 2022 (%)	As At 30 Apr 2021 (%)	As At 30 Apr 2020 (%)
Portfolio Composition			
Quoted equities – local			
- Construction	-	-	0.59
- Consumer products & services	9.11	12.74	7.68
- Energy	5.81	2.09	4.73
- Financial services	16.68	12.68	9.29
- Healthcare	4.78	4.09	7.89
- Industrial product & services	22.17	33.55	10.28
- Plantation	14.53	2.57	-
- Properties	2.04	1.93	-
- REITs	-	-	6.14
- Technology	10.73	12.11	10.31
- Telecommunication & media	2.68	4.40	9.35
- Transport & logistics	4.37	5.21	-
- Utilities	1.71	1.83	5.92
- Warrant	1.08	1.64	-
Total Quoted equities – local	95.69	94.84	72.18
Cash and cash equivalent	4.31	5.16	27.82
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM ¹ million)	51.252	53.761	44.9054
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.7077	0.7114	0.4731
Unit in Circulation (million)	72.421	75.576	94.9120
Highest NAV	0.7937	0.7427	0.5533
Lowest NAV	0.6357	0.4696	0.4100
Return of the Fund (%) ⁱⁱⁱ	-0.52	50.37	-10.82
- Capital Return (%) ⁱ	-0.52	50.37	-10.82
- Income Return (%) ⁱⁱ	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expenses Ratio (%) ¹	1.70	1.69	1.69
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) ²	0.73	1.52	1.21

Basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating the returns:-

The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in NAV for the stipulated period taking into account all the distribution payable (if any) during the stipulated period.

An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

Capital return	= NAV per Unit end / NAV per Unit begin – 1
Income return	= Income distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit ex-date
Total return	= (1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) – 1

¹ The Fund's TER increased during the financial year due to an increase in expenses

²The Fund's PTR was lower than previous year due to lower trading activities during the financial year.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Income Distribution / Unit Split

No income distributions or unit splits were declared for the financial year ended 30 April 2022.

Performance Review

For the period 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022, the Fund has registered a return of -0.52% as compared to the benchmark return of -0.08%. The Fund thus underperformed the benchmark by 0.44%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund as at 30 April 2022 was RM0.7077 while the NAV per unit on 30 April 2021 was RM0.7114.

Since commencement, the Fund has underperformed the benchmark by 23.64% with returns of 103.37% compared to the benchmark return of 127.01%.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	1 Year (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	3 Years (1/5/19 - 30/4/22)	5 Years (1/5/17 - 30/4/22)	Since Commencement (30/4/93 - 30/4/22)
Fund	(0.52%)	33.40%	33.55%	103.37%
Benchmark	(0.08%)	(2.55%)	(9.48%)	127.01%
Outperformance	(0.44%)	35.95%	43.03%	(23.64%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	3 Years (1/5/19 - 30/4/22)	5 Years (1/5/17 - 30/4/22)	Since Commencement (30/4/93 - 30/4/22)
Fund	(0.52%)	10.07%	5.95%	2.48%
Benchmark	(0.08%)	(0.86%)	(1.97%)	2.87%
Outperformance	(0.44%)	10.93%	7.92%	(0.39%)

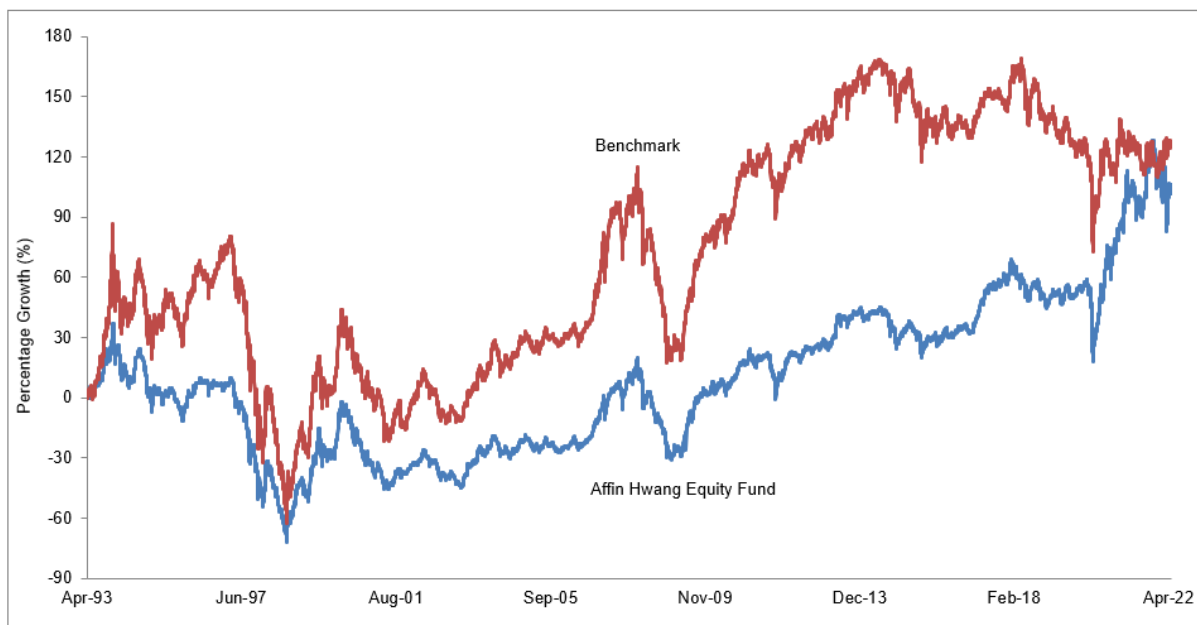
Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (1/5/18 - 30/4/19)	FYE 2018 (1/5/17 - 30/4/18)
Fund	(0.52%)	50.37%	(10.82%)	6.80%	3.69%
Benchmark	(0.08%)	13.77%	(14.28%)	3.35%	3.16%
Outperformance	(0.44%)	36.60%	3.46%	3.45%	0.53%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.



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Benchmark: FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and that Unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

Asset Allocation

For a snapshot of the Fund's asset mix during the period under review, please refer to Fund Performance Data.

As at 30 April 2022, the Fund's equity exposure stood at 95.69%, 0.85% higher than last financial year's exposure, while the balance was held in cash and cash equivalent. Cash level was lower as the Manager deployed cash during the perceived market opportunities.

Strategies Employed

With the extreme volatility in markets, we continue to be selective of our holdings and as the sell-down accelerated, we then slowly deployed back into the market with a focus on quality. We continue to keep close monitor on market development amidst the rare event of global pandemic.

Market Review

Uncertainty has been an ongoing theme in economies and markets. While global equities started on a strong note at the start of 2021 due to policy easing and optimism surrounding vaccination rollout, global recovery was uneven as developed markets reported stronger gains compared to emerging markets. Developed countries managed to administer the vaccine at a quicker pace which led to a corresponding increase in mobility and hence a more optimistic market outlook. For the most of second half of 202 ("2H 2021"), expensive valuations in both fixed income and equities loomed over investors. However, the challenging market conditions in the first quarter of 2022 ("1Q 2022") addressed some of these concerns as Chinese equities both onshore and offshore traded below their 15-year average and the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") plummeted 8.7% in April 2022.

In general, government policies to encourage demand throughout one of the largest economic contractions produced one of the fastest recoveries. Developed market output reached its pre-pandemic peak in the third quarter of 2021.

Real gross domestic product (“GDP”) growth for US in 1Q 2022 was weaker than expected, falling 1.4% on an annualised basis. The weakness can be largely attributed to a decline in the real trade deficit, lower government spending and a decrease in fiscal stimulus that was initiated to improve spending during the pandemic. Economic data showed sign of weakening while inflationary pressures continued to prompt the Federal Reserve into a more aggressive stance on interest rate hikes. However, domestic demand continues to be resilient, with personal consumption expenditures up 2.7% on an annualised basis.

In the Eurozone, equities continue to decline as the conflict between Ukraine and Russia persist, further placing upward pressure on inflation – annual eurozone inflation reached 7.5% in April, an increase from 7.4% in March. The sectors that performed best included energy due to continued strong demand and communication services given their defensive profile. Information technology, consumer discretionary and industrials fared weaker as these sectors tend to be affected by supply chain disruptions and concerns over consumer confidence the most.

In China, although 1Q 2022 GDP has shown that the Chinese economy began to rebound in January and February, the impact the pandemic had on consumption, investment and production overshadowed the growth as Covid-19 continued to put downward pressure on the Chinese economy. The tightened credit conditions that persisted until early 2022 and regulatory policies in place as a result of the government’s common prosperity initiative have slowed growth. A decline in new Covid infection numbers could be the first step in restoring market confidence, however, with parts of China in lockdown since April 2022 resulting in a decrease in both the manufacturing and services sector, investor confidence remained cautious. The Chinese Yuan also experienced some sharp depreciation during the quarter as the 2-year US Treasury yield rose above its Chinese equivalent.

Asia equities were lower in April as China fought hard to contain its worst outbreak of Covid-19, implementing measures that affected the market adversely. Expectations of higher interest rates and the still ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine also weakened investor sentiment. Taiwan performed worst in terms of index market as major electronics manufacturers and chip slumped due to supply chain disruptions brought upon by lockdowns in Shanghai and neighbouring cities.

Bond yields continued to rise in April 2022, resulting in further negative returns in an environment of continued high inflation and expectations of significant interest rate hikes. US consumer price inflation accelerated to 8.5% year on year in March though the core personal consumption expenditure index fell slightly to an annualised 5.2% from 5.3%. Corporate bonds garnered negative total returns and underperformed government bonds in general.

The S&P GSCI Index reported a positive return in April 2022. Higher prices in agricultural and energy components supported weaker prices for livestock, industrial and precious metals. Energy was the top performing component of the index as the global economy normalises after the Covid-19 pandemic and supplies are disrupted due to geopolitical unrest.

On the domestic front, March exports jumped 25.4% year on year, exceeding consensus estimates. The growth was largely attributed to electrical & electronic and commodities-based products such as palm oil. In the local bond market, Malaysia’s sovereign bonds’ trading volume declined to RM55.3billion in April 2022, a 25% reduction since March 2022. A decline in trading volume of corporate bonds from RM9.1billion in March to RM5.7billion in April was also recorded.

Investment Outlook

2022 is set to be a year of transition for markets as investors continue to contend with normalisation of growth rates and monetary policy tightening. Both equities and bonds are down year-to-date as uncertain policy outlooks, an energy shock and weak growth outlook in China continue to stir markets. With the most impactful effects of the pandemic likely behind us, peak policy support and with it peak GDP growth during the pandemic era also likely realized in 2021. We expect to see a lot of crosswinds and periods of transition especially with regards to policy.

The Russia-Ukraine tension is also weighing on sentiments. With continued disruptions to supply chains, the conflict is contributing to inflationary pressures and it is no surprise that commodities are on track to

outperform equities for the second consecutive year. However, history suggest that market impact from geopolitical events tend to be short. We expect markets to shift the focus back to tighter monetary conditions and slowing growth moving forward.

The inversion of the US yield curve and whether it is an accurate predictor of a recession has been widely discussed as of late. Whilst a recession is not inevitable in our view, we are increasingly of the opinion that economic growth will likely slow materially in the coming months as consumers adjust to rapidly rising costs. Although the default response to decelerating growth in recent years by central banks is to increase liquidity, this is much less likely this time as battling inflation is seen as a more pressing matter.

Back home, we believe that it will be a stock picker's market for local investors as Bursa languishes behind other regional peers. With foreign shareholding at an all-time low, much of the exuberance have faded especially on the back of a strong US dollar environment which makes emerging markets like Malaysia unattractive. Though, we view that domestic market will not be susceptible to sudden foreign outflows and that the direction of the market will be influenced more by local players that have grown massively in size and are looking for opportunities to deploy.

Against a volatile backdrop, we are cautiously positioned for 2022. On inflection points, we see retreating inflation and an easing of Russia-Ukraine tension as potential turnarounds for the market to improve.

State of Affairs of the Fund

There is neither any significant change to the state affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review.

Soft Commissions received from Brokers

As per the requirements of the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds and Guidelines on Compliance Function for Fund Management Companies, soft commissions received from brokers/dealers may be retained by the management company only if the :-

- (i) goods and services provided are of demonstrable benefit to Unit holders of the Fund; and
- (ii) goods and services are in the form of research and advisory services that assists in the decision making process.

During the financial period under review, the management company had received on behalf of the Fund, soft commissions in the form of research materials, data and quotation services, investment-related publications, market data feed and industry benchmarking agencies which are of demonstrable benefit to Unitholders of the Fund.

Cross Trade

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 April 2022 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, **AFFIN HWANG ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD** has operated and managed the fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement

For **Maybank Trustees Berhad**
(Company No.: 5004-P)

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Head, Operations

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
17 June 2022

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Dividend income		1,245,494	812,864
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		57,712	96,478
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	(587,021)	19,147,847
		<u>716,185</u>	<u>20,057,189</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	(798,035)	(719,084)
Trustee fee	5	(42,566)	(38,570)
Auditors' remuneration		(7,500)	(7,500)
Tax agent's fee		-	(4,380)
Transaction costs		(278,032)	(496,014)
Other expenses		(64,442)	(76,450)
		<u>(1,190,575)</u>	<u>(1,341,998)</u>
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(474,390)	18,715,191
Taxation	6	-	-
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>(474,390)</u>	<u>18,715,191</u>
Net (loss)/profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		2,491,687	9,118,148
Unrealised amount		(2,966,077)	9,597,043
		<u>(474,390)</u>	<u>18,715,191</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	2,301,603	1,817,600
Amount due from brokers		-	1,822,843
Amount due from Manager			
- creation of units		-	299,484
Dividends receivable		70,254	7,374
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	49,042,725	50,986,610
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>51,414,582</u>	<u>54,933,911</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee		63,488	66,755
- cancellation of units		67,843	-
Amount due to Trustee		3,386	3,560
Amount due to brokers		-	1,079,380
Auditors' remuneration		7,500	7,500
Tax agent's fee		9,320	13,700
Other payables and accruals		11,008	1,934
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>162,545</u>	<u>1,172,829</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>51,252,037</u>	<u>53,761,082</u>
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital		74,307,146	76,341,801
Accumulated losses		(23,055,109)	(22,580,719)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>51,252,037</u>	<u>53,761,082</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	9	<u>72,421,000</u>	<u>75,576,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.7077</u>	<u>0.7114</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Accumulated <u>losses</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 May 2021	76,341,801	(22,580,719)	53,761,082
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(474,390)	(474,390)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	3,609,935	-	3,609,935
Cancellation of units	(5,644,590)	-	(5,644,590)
Balance as at 30 April 2022	<u>74,307,146</u>	<u>(23,055,109)</u>	<u>51,252,037</u>
Balance as at 1 May 2020	86,201,260	(41,295,910)	44,905,350
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	18,715,191	18,715,191
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	788,822	-	788,822
Cancellation of units	(10,648,281)	-	(10,648,281)
Balance as at 30 April 2021	<u>76,341,801</u>	<u>(22,580,719)</u>	<u>53,761,082</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		42,282,227	76,544,300
Purchase of investments		(40,181,900)	(77,319,511)
Dividends received		1,182,614	891,471
Interest received		57,712	96,478
Rebate of management fee received		70	4,097
Management fee paid		(801,372)	(714,542)
Trustee fee paid		(42,740)	(38,110)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(345,280)	(587,629)
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Net cash flows generated from/(used in) operating activities		2,151,331	(1,123,446)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units		3,909,419	498,196
Payments for cancellation of units		(5,576,747)	(10,648,281)
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Net cash flows used in financing activities		(1,667,328)	(10,150,085)
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NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		484,003	(11,273,531)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		1,817,600	13,091,131
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	8	2,301,603	1,817,600
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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the summary of significant accounting policies and comply with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported financial year. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgment are based on the Manager’s best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note J.

(a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are effective:

- Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139, MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16 ‘Interest Rate Benchmark (IBOR) Reform – Phase 2’ (effective 1 January 2021) provide practical expedient allowing Funds to update the effective interest rate to account for any required changes in contractual cash flows that is a direct consequence of IBOR reform. This results in no immediate gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

The amendments require entities to update the hedge documentation to reflect the changes required by the IBOR replacement. The amendments also provide reliefs that enable and require entities to continue hedge accounting in circumstances when changes in hedged items and hedging instruments are solely due to IBOR reform.

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

(b) Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective:

- Amendments to MFRS 3 ‘Reference to Conceptual Framework’ (effective 1 January 2022) replace the reference to Framework for Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements with 2018 Conceptual Framework.
- Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2018 – 2020 Cycle (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022).
- Amendments to MFRS 137 ‘onerous contracts—cost of fulfilling a contract’ (effective 1 January 2022) clarify that direct costs of fulfilling a contract include both the incremental cost of fulfilling the contract as well as an allocation of other costs directly related to fulfilling contracts.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective: (continued)

- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (effective 1 January 2023) clarify that a liability is classified as non-current if an entity has a substantive right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period. A liability is classified as current if a condition is breached at or before the reporting date and a waiver is obtained after the reporting date.

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

B INCOME RECOGNITION

Dividend income

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of gross dividend income on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Interest income

Interest income from short-term deposits with licensed financial institutions is recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gain and loss on sale of investments

For quoted equities, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

C TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include the bid-ask spread, fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors and brokers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

D TAXATION

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable profit earned during the financial year.

Withholding taxes on investment income from investment which are not “income tax” in nature are recognised and measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within the other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

E FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the “functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”), which is the Fund’s functional and presentation currency.

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund’s business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund’s debt securities are solely principal and interest (“SPPI”). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund’s business model’s objective. Consequently, all investments and derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager and dividends receivable as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows that represent SPPI.

The Fund classifies amount due to brokers, amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, auditors’ remuneration, tax agent’s fee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and initial measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are de-recognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the ‘financial assets at fair value through profit or loss’ category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within “net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” in the period which they arise.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or basis approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment

The Fund's financial assets measured at amortised cost are subject to expected credit losses. The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

The Fund defines a financial instrument as default, which is fully aligned with the definition of credit-impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Quantitative criteria:

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Qualitative criteria:

The debtor meets unlikelihood to pay criteria, which indicates the debtor is in significant financial difficulty. The Fund considers the following instances:

- the debtor is in breach of financial covenants
- concessions have been made by the lender relating to the debtor's financial difficulty
- it is becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation
- the debtor is insolvent

Financial instruments that are credit-impaired are assessed on individual basis.

Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount.

The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in bad debt recoveries. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial year.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

G CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances and deposits held in highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

H AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The due from brokers balance is held for collection. Refer to Note F for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Significant financial difficulties of the brokers, probability that the brokers will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

I UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". Those criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV");
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there is no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial year if unitholders exercise the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the unitholders' option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

J CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information contents on the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impacts to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgment to be exercised.

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

K REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

The analysis of realised and unrealised profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name of Amanah Saham PHB (the “Fund”) pursuant to the execution of a Principal Deed dated 15 April 1993, a First Supplemental Deed dated 4 May 1994, a Second Supplemental Deed dated 1 October 1996, a Third Supplemental Deed dated 1 October 1996, a Supplemental Deed dated 18 November 1998, Second Supplemental Deed dated 31 May 2002, Third Supplemental Deed dated 23 August 2007, Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 13 October 2008, Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 22 July 2014, Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 27 July 2015, Seventh Supplemental Deed dated 5 October 2018 (the “Deeds”) entered into between Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”) and Maybank Trustees Berhad (the “Trustee”). The Fund, under a Second Supplemental Deed dated 31 May 2002, was later renamed to Affin Equity Fund, changed its pricing policy to forward pricing and replaced units certificates with statements. The Fund later changed its name from Affin Equity Fund to Affin Hwang Equity Fund as amended by the Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 22 July 2014.

The Fund commenced operations on 29 April 1993 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 23 of the Supplemental Deed.

The Fund may invest in the following permitted investments subject to the following restrictions imposed or as may be amended from time to time by the SC and/or the relevant authorities and/or the Deed:

- (i) Listed securities;
- (ii) Unlisted securities including, without limitation, securities that have been approved by relevant authorities for the listing of and quotation for such securities;
- (iii) Fixed deposits with financial institutions;
- (iv) Money market instruments;
- (v) Government bonds, treasury bills and other Government approved or guaranteed bonds;
- (vi) Debentures including private debt securities and bonds;
- (vii) Units/Shares in collective investment schemes, both local and foreign;
- (viii) Equity linked instruments; and
- (ix) Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the SC from time to time that is in line with the Trust’s objectives.

The objective of the Fund is to reward the unitholders with a reasonable rate of return on income and to realise capital growth.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 17 June 2022.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	2,301,603	-	2,301,603
Quoted equities	7	-	49,042,725	49,042,725
Dividends receivable		70,254	-	70,254
Total		<u>2,371,857</u>	<u>49,042,725</u>	<u>51,414,582</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		63,488	-	63,488
- cancellation of units		67,843	-	67,843
Amount due to Trustee		3,386	-	3,386
Auditors' remuneration		7,500	-	7,500
Tax agent's fee		9,320	-	9,320
Other payables and accruals		11,008	-	11,008
Total		<u>162,545</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>162,545</u>
<u>2021</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	1,817,600	-	1,817,600
Quoted equities	7	-	50,986,610	50,986,610
Amount due from brokers		1,822,843	-	1,822,843
Amount due from Manager				
- creation of units		299,484	-	299,484
Dividends receivable		7,374	-	7,374
Total		<u>3,947,301</u>	<u>50,986,610</u>	<u>54,933,911</u>

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2021</u> (continued)				
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to brokers		1,079,380	-	1,079,380
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		66,755	-	66,755
Amount due to Trustee		3,560	-	3,560
Auditors' remuneration		7,500	-	7,500
Tax agent's fee		13,700	-	13,700
Other payables and accruals		1,934	-	1,934
Total		<u>1,172,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172,829</u>

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (including price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and capital risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Manager manages the risk of unfavourable changes in prices by continuous monitoring of the performance and risk profile of the investment portfolio.

The Fund's overall exposure to price risk was as follows:

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Quoted investments		
Quoted equities	<u>49,042,725</u>	<u>50,986,610</u>

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's (loss)/profit after taxation and NAV to price risk movements. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 4% (2021: 10%) and decreased by 4% (2021: 10%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	<u>Impact on (loss)/profit after tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2022</u>		
-4%	47,081,016	(1,961,709)
0%	49,042,725	-
+4%	51,004,434	1,961,709
<u>2021</u>		
-10%	45,887,949	(5,098,661)
0%	50,986,610	-
+10%	56,085,271	5,098,661

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and cash flows.

The Fund's exposure to the interest rate risk is mainly confined to short-term deposit placements with licensed financial institutions. The Manager overcomes this exposure by way of maintaining deposits on short-term basis.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk associated with deposits with a licensed financial institution is not material as the deposits are held on a short-term basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of any issuer or counterparty to make timely payments of interest, principals and proceeds from realisation of investments. The Manager manages the credit risk by undertaking credit evaluation to minimise such risk.

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA or higher.

Credit risk arising from placements of deposits in licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

The settlement terms of amount due from brokers are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by the respective stock exchanges.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:

	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Dividends receivable</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>			
Financial Services			
- AAA	114,843	-	114,843
- AA3	2,186,760	-	2,186,760
Health Care			
- NR	-	12,294	12,294
Industrial Products & Services			
- NR	-	21,872	21,872
Plantation			
- NR	-	36,088	36,088
	<u>2,301,603</u>	<u>70,254</u>	<u>2,371,857</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:
(continued)

	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2021</u>			
Financial Services			
- AAA	378,056	-	378,056
- AA3	1,439,544	-	1,439,544
- AA2	-	1,385,165	1,385,165
- NR	-	437,678	437,678
Health Care			
- NR	-	7,374	7,374
Others			
- NR	-	299,484	299,484
	<u>1,817,600</u>	<u>2,129,701</u>	<u>3,947,301</u>

* Other assets consist of dividends receivable, amount due from Manager and amount due from brokers.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payment and cancellations of unit by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date.

The amounts in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	<u>Within one month</u> RM	<u>Between one month to one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>			
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	63,488	-	63,488
- cancellation of units	67,843	-	67,843
Amount due to Trustee	3,386	-	3,386
Auditors' remuneration	-	7,500	7,500
Tax agent's fee	-	9,320	9,320
Other payables and accruals	-	11,008	11,008
	<u>134,717</u>	<u>27,828</u>	<u>162,545</u>
<u>2021</u>			
Amount due to brokers	1,079,380	-	1,079,380
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	66,755	-	66,755
Amount due to Trustee	3,560	-	3,560
Auditors' remuneration	-	7,500	7,500
Tax agent's fee	-	13,700	13,700
Other payables and accruals	-	1,934	1,934
	<u>1,149,695</u>	<u>23,134</u>	<u>1,172,829</u>

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital and net of accumulated losses. The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the current bid price for financial assets which falls within the bid-ask spread.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2)
- Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- quoted equities	<u>49,042,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,042,725</u>
<u>2021</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- quoted equities	<u>50,986,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,986,610</u>

Investments whose values are based on quoted market price in active markets and are therefore classified within level 1 includes active listed equities. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these investments.

- (ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable, amount due from Manager, amount due from brokers and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 1.50% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2022, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.50% (2021: 1.50%) per annum based on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

There will be no further liability to the Manager in respect of management fee other than amounts recognised above.

5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.08% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2022, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.08% (2021: 0.08%) per annum based on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

5 TRUSTEE FEE (CONTINUED)

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Trustee fee other than the amounts recognised above.

6 TAXATION

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Current taxation - local	-	-

The numerical reconciliation between net (loss)/profit before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Net (loss)/profit before taxation	(474,390)	18,715,191
Tax at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2021: 24%)	(113,854)	4,491,646
Tax effect of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(171,884)	(4,813,725)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	82,809	137,380
Restrictions on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	202,929	184,699
Tax expense	-	-

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- quoted equities – local	49,042,725	50,986,610
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised gain on sale of investments	2,379,056	9,550,804
- unrealised (loss)/gain on changes in fair value	(2,966,077)	9,597,043
	(587,021)	19,147,847

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities - local

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 30 April 2022 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
Aeon Company (M) Bhd	812,600	1,143,307	1,316,412	2.57
Berjaya Food Bhd	269,100	502,104	1,025,271	2.00
Formosa Prosonic Industries Bhd	416,000	872,130	1,352,000	2.64
Hong Leong Industries Bhd	108,100	769,212	973,981	1.90
	<u>1,605,800</u>	<u>3,286,753</u>	<u>4,667,664</u>	<u>9.11</u>
<u>Energy</u>				
Dayang Enterprise Hldgs Bhd	634,200	793,380	551,754	1.08
Reservoir Link Energy Bhd	1,972,800	1,041,618	858,168	1.67
Wah Seong Corporation Bhd	2,022,500	1,276,885	1,567,438	3.06
	<u>4,629,500</u>	<u>3,111,883</u>	<u>2,977,360</u>	<u>5.81</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Aeon Credit Service M Bhd	69,800	1,085,346	1,104,236	2.15
AMMB Holdings Bhd	323,600	987,213	1,194,084	2.33
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	236,051	1,014,000	1,227,464	2.40
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	47,900	801,476	1,004,942	1.96
Malayan Banking Bhd	269,750	2,256,247	2,443,934	4.77
RHB Bank Bhd	253,285	1,282,202	1,575,433	3.07
	<u>1,200,386</u>	<u>7,426,484</u>	<u>8,550,093</u>	<u>16.68</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
Duopharma Biotech Bhd	683,000	1,119,352	1,092,800	2.13
IHH Healthcare Bhd	205,700	1,125,800	1,359,677	2.65
	<u>888,700</u>	<u>2,245,152</u>	<u>2,452,477</u>	<u>4.78</u>

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 30 April 2022 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Kobay Technology Bhd	130,300	366,079	469,080	0.92
OM Holdings Ltd	344,500	965,376	940,485	1.84
PIE Industrial Bhd	310,900	1,079,124	892,283	1.74
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	396,300	2,335,535	2,369,874	4.62
Scientex Bhd	262,200	380,809	998,982	1.95
Scope Industries Bhd	6,292,500	1,611,407	1,321,425	2.58
SKP Resources Bhd	750,050	959,287	1,125,075	2.20
Supercomnet Technologies Bhd	619,600	1,208,220	743,520	1.45
Ta Win Holdings Bhd	9,870,500	943,489	1,431,223	2.79
V.S. Industry Bhd	1,068,000	998,213	1,068,000	2.08
	<u>20,044,850</u>	<u>10,847,539</u>	<u>11,359,947</u>	<u>22.17</u>
<u>Plantation</u>				
Hap Seng Plantations Hldgs Bhd	509,900	1,529,585	1,662,274	3.24
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	80,900	2,044,711	2,380,078	4.64
Sime Darby Plantation Bhd	291,500	1,503,604	1,524,545	2.97
Ta Ann Holdings Bhd	306,300	1,608,585	1,883,745	3.68
	<u>1,188,600</u>	<u>6,686,485</u>	<u>7,450,642</u>	<u>14.53</u>
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Grp Bhd	1,088,200	583,921	1,044,672	2.04
<u>Technology</u>				
D&O Green Technologies Bhd	240,000	1,063,301	943,200	1.84
Dagang NeXchange Bhd	964,500	821,571	993,435	1.94
Genetec Technology Bhd	418,500	379,869	920,700	1.80
GHL Systems Bhd	302,050	277,427	447,034	0.87
Greatech Technology Bhd	213,000	936,270	858,390	1.67
Malaysian Pac Industries Bhd	15,500	154,931	490,730	0.96
NCT Alliance Bhd	2,115,900	1,116,246	846,360	1.65
	<u>4,269,450</u>	<u>4,749,615</u>	<u>5,499,849</u>	<u>10.73</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 30 April 2022 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
TIME dotCom Bhd	308,700	976,488	1,373,715	2.68
<u>Transport & Logistics</u>				
MISC Bhd	137,500	917,125	1,073,875	2.10
TASCO Bhd	1,036,700	841,999	1,161,104	2.27
	<u>1,174,200</u>	<u>1,759,124</u>	<u>2,234,979</u>	<u>4.37</u>
<u>Utilities</u>				
YTL Corp Bhd	1,383,300	1,025,342	878,396	1.71
<u>Warrants</u>				
Eco World Development Grp Bhd - Warrant	217,640	-	36,999	0.07
Scope Industries Bhd - Warrant	1,410,240	-	98,717	0.19
Ta Win Holdings Bhd - Warrant	6,410,400	-	352,572	0.69
V.S. Industry Bhd - Warrant	287,300	-	64,643	0.13
	<u>8,325,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>552,931</u>	<u>1.08</u>
Total quoted equities – local	<u>46,107,266</u>	<u>42,698,786</u>	<u>49,042,725</u>	<u>95.69</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		<u>6,343,939</u>		
Total quoted equities – local		<u>49,042,725</u>		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 30 April 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
Formosa Prosonic Industries Bhd	545,800	1,144,251	1,369,958	2.55
Hong Leong Industries Bhd	166,100	1,181,926	1,566,323	2.91
Kumpulan Powernet Bhd	213,000	150,099	440,910	0.82
Malayan Flour Mills Bhd	2,768,800	2,203,555	2,602,672	4.84
NTPM Holdings Bhd	1,460,100	1,086,409	868,760	1.62
	<u>5,153,800</u>	<u>5,766,240</u>	<u>6,848,623</u>	<u>12.74</u>
<u>Energy</u>				
Wah Seong Corporation Bhd	1,354,900	741,130	1,124,567	2.09
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Allianz Malaysia Bhd	56,500	814,105	744,670	1.39
AMMB Holdings Bhd	365,200	1,119,030	1,088,296	2.02
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	253,294	1,098,127	1,048,637	1.95
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	81,300	1,360,334	1,448,766	2.70
Malayan Banking Bhd	126,710	1,105,105	1,042,823	1.94
RHB Bank Bhd	276,600	1,404,537	1,441,086	2.68
	<u>1,159,604</u>	<u>6,901,238</u>	<u>6,814,278</u>	<u>12.68</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
IHH Healthcare Bhd	205,700	1,125,800	1,098,438	2.04
Supermax Corp Bhd	183,100	1,076,006	1,104,093	2.05
	<u>388,800</u>	<u>2,201,806</u>	<u>2,202,531</u>	<u>4.09</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 30 April 2021 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Asia Poly Holdings Bhd	4,709,300	1,596,301	1,648,255	3.07
ATA IMS Bhd	391,200	800,694	1,177,512	2.19
Cahaya Mata Sarawak Bhd	467,400	1,073,182	958,170	1.78
Hiap Teck Venture Bhd	2,150,600	1,064,268	1,354,878	2.52
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	266,600	1,008,631	1,386,320	2.58
Samchem Holdings Bhd	864,500	1,087,957	1,607,970	2.99
Sarawak Consolidated Ind Bhd	306,700	217,143	521,390	0.97
Scientex Bhd	536,900	779,772	2,238,873	4.16
SKP Resources Bhd	861,250	1,101,508	1,429,675	2.66
Sunway Bhd	528,192	843,195	850,389	1.58
Supercomnet Technologies Bhd	941,800	1,836,510	1,827,092	3.40
Ta Win Holdings Bhd	2,669,100	1,064,437	987,567	1.84
V.S. Industry Bhd	740,400	1,384,039	2,050,908	3.81
	<u>15,433,942</u>	<u>13,857,637</u>	<u>18,038,999</u>	<u>33.55</u>
<u>Plantation</u>				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	62,900	1,456,788	1,383,800	2.57
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Grp Bhd	1,677,300	835,809	1,039,926	1.93
<u>Technology</u>				
Frontken Corp Bhd	147,750	334,900	462,457	0.86
GHL Systems Bhd	302,050	277,427	540,670	1.01
Greatech Technology Bhd	258,300	691,243	1,552,383	2.89
Inari Amertron Bhd	242,500	459,337	834,200	1.55
Malaysian Pac Industries Bhd	40,900	408,818	1,586,920	2.95
My EG Services Bhd	487,500	869,681	950,625	1.77
Unisem M Bhd	74,800	453,355	578,204	1.08
	<u>1,553,800</u>	<u>3,494,761</u>	<u>6,505,459</u>	<u>12.11</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 30 April 2021 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
Media Prima Bhd	1,729,700	1,118,449	934,038	1.74
TIME dotCom Bhd	102,900	976,488	1,428,252	2.66
	<u>1,832,600</u>	<u>2,094,937</u>	<u>2,362,290</u>	<u>4.40</u>
<u>Transport & Logistics</u>				
Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd	89,000	481,187	533,110	0.99
MISC Bhd	137,500	917,125	932,250	1.73
TASCO Bhd	1,114,900	821,506	1,337,880	2.49
	<u>1,341,400</u>	<u>2,219,818</u>	<u>2,803,240</u>	<u>5.21</u>
<u>Utilities</u>				
YTL Corp Bhd	1,383,300	1,025,342	982,143	1.83
<u>Warrants</u>				
Jaks Resources Bhd - Warrant	1,248,000	513,392	405,600	0.76
Malayan Flour Mills Bhd - Warrant	1,284,200	567,696	475,154	0.88
SKP Resources Bhd - Warrant#	137,800	-	-	-
Frontken Corp Bhd - Warrant #	82,350	-	-	-
	<u>2,752,350</u>	<u>1,081,088</u>	<u>880,754</u>	<u>1.64</u>
Total quoted equities – local	<u>34,094,696</u>	<u>41,676,594</u>	<u>50,986,610</u>	<u>94.84</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		<u>9,310,016</u>		
Total quoted equities – local		<u>50,986,610</u>		

Issuance of free warrants with entitlement date on 21 April 2021 and 27 April 2021. The listing date of the warrants are after 30 April 2021.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

8 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Cash and bank balances	114,843	378,056
Deposit with a licensed financial institution*	2,186,760	1,439,544
	<u>2,301,603</u>	<u>1,817,600</u>

Weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposits with a licensed financial institution* are as follows:

	<u>2022</u> %	<u>2021</u> %
Deposit with a licensed financial institution*	<u>1.75</u>	<u>1.75</u>

Deposit with a licensed financial institution* of the Fund have an average maturity period of 5 days (2021: 3 days).

*Being holding company of the Manager. Interest income from deposit with the holding company of the Manager amounted to RM57,712 (2021: RM47,731) during the financial year.

9 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2022</u> No. of unit	<u>2021</u> No. of unit
At the beginning of the financial year	75,576,000	94,912,000
Creation of units from applications	4,750,000	1,162,000
Cancellation of units	<u>(7,905,000)</u>	<u>(20,498,000)</u>
At the end of the financial year	<u>72,421,000</u>	<u>75,576,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

10 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

(i) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 30 April 2022 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %	<u>Brokerage</u> <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd#	28,158,934	36.81	71,470	37.66
Public Investment Bank Bhd	6,053,249	7.91	15,133	7.97
CGS – CIMB Securities Sdn. Bhd	4,670,872	6.11	11,918	6.28
Malayan Banking Bhd	4,212,937	5.51	10,532	5.55
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	3,849,366	5.03	9,646	5.08
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	3,721,009	4.86	9,303	4.90
Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	3,072,026	4.02	7,687	4.05
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	2,761,146	3.61	6,903	3.64
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	2,739,614	3.58	6,849	3.61
Macquarie Capital Securities (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	2,667,779	3.49	6,669	3.52
Others	14,591,257	19.07	33,670	17.74
	<u>76,498,189</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>189,780</u>	<u>100.00</u>

(ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 30 April 2021 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %	<u>Brokerage</u> <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd#	68,143,282	43.68	169,430	43.69
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	13,577,004	8.70	33,943	8.75
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	9,782,796	6.27	23,127	5.96
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	8,441,483	5.41	21,150	5.46
CGS – CIMB Securities Sdn. Bhd	7,510,718	4.81	18,777	4.84
Malayan Banking Bhd	7,283,270	4.67	18,083	4.66
Public Investment Bank Bhd	7,176,605	4.60	18,016	4.65
Alliance Investment Bank Bhd	6,415,853	4.11	16,060	4.14
KAF Seagroatt & Campbell Securities Sdn Bhd	4,945,636	3.17	12,364	3.19
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn. Bhd	4,610,550	2.96	11,690	3.01
Others	18,128,808	11.62	45,167	11.65
	<u>156,016,005</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>387,807</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

10 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

Included in transactions with brokers are trades conducted with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd, a company related to the Manager amounting to RM28,158,934 (2021: RM68,143,282). The Manager is of the opinion that all the transactions with the related company have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

11 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related party of and its relationship with the Fund are as follows:

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiary and associated companies of the penultimate holding company of the Manager as disclosed in its financial statements
Directors of Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Directors of the Manager

The units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager as at the end of the financial year are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	<u>No. of units</u>	<u>RM</u>	<u>No. of units</u>	<u>RM</u>
<u>The Manager:</u>				
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)	2,273	1,609	3,848	2,737
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Penultimate holding company of the Manager</u>				
Affin Bank Berhad (The units are held beneficially)	51,104	36,166	51,104	36,355
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

11 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

The units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager as at the end of the financial year are as follows: (continued)

	2022		2021	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
<u>Subsidiary and associated companies of the penultimate holding company of the Manager:</u>				
ABB Nominee (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (The units are held beneficially)	217,891	154,201	-	-

12 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (“TER”)

	2022	2021
	%	%
TER	1.70	1.69

TER is derived from the following calculation:

$$\text{TER} = \frac{(A + B + C + D + E)}{F} \times 100$$

A	=	Management fee, excluding management fee rebates
B	=	Trustee fee
C	=	Auditors' remuneration
D	=	Tax agent's fee
E	=	Other expenses, excluding sales and service tax on transaction costs and withholding tax
F	=	Average net asset value of Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis is RM53,202,565 (2021: RM48,207,980).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

13 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
PTR (times)	<u>0.73</u>	<u>1.52</u>

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{(\text{Total acquisition for the financial year} + \text{total disposal for the financial year}) \div 2}{\text{Average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis}}$$

where: total acquisition for the financial year = RM39,102,520 (2021: RM77,739,187)
total disposal for the financial year = RM38,080,328 (2021: RM68,762,234)

AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 32 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2022 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial year ended 30 April 2022 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
AFFIN HWANG ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur
17 June 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Affin Hwang Equity Fund (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 1 to 32.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (“By-Laws”) and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF
AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND (CONTINUED)**

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Manager's report, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Fund does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF
AFFIN HWANG EQUITY FUND (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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Kuala Lumpur
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