# Affin Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund

Interim Report 28 February 2021

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# Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements 6 Months Financial Period Ended 28 February 2021

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	Affin Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund
Fund Type	Growth & Income
Fund Category	Equity
Investment Objective	The Fund endeavours to provide investors with regular income and capital growth over the medium to long-term period.
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index
Distribution Policy	The Fund will distribute income on a semi-annual basis (subject to income availability), after the end of its first financial year.

#### **BREAKDOWN OF RM CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	5,907	9,920
5,001 to 10,000	2,178	16,218
10,001 to 50,000	4,287	93,255
50,001 to 500,000	1,606	199,881
500,001 and above	75	929,586
Total	14,053	1,248,860

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### BREAKDOWN OF USD CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	0	0
5,001 to 10,000	1	6
10,001 to 50,000	10	219
50,001 to 500,000	10	871
500,001 and above	4	5,141
Total	25	6,237

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### BREAKDOWN OF SGD CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	0	0
5,001 to 10,000	12	94
10,001 to 50,000	11	218
50,001 to 500,000	10	1,145
500,001 and above	2	2,783
Total	35	4,240

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### BREAKDOWN OF EUR CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	0	0
5,001 to 10,000	0	0
10,001 to 50,000	0	0
50,001 to 500,000	3	636
500,001 and above	0	0
Total	3	636

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### BREAKDOWN OF AUD CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	0	0
5,001 to 10,000	2	14
10,001 to 50,000	10	174
50,001 to 500,000	6	844
500,001 and above	1	3,734
Total	19	4,766

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### BREAKDOWN OF RMB CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	0	0
5,001 to 10,000	0	0
10,001 to 50,000	8	156
50,001 to 500,000	6	1,203
500,001 and above	8	90,608
Total	22	91,967

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### BREAKDOWN OF GBP CLASS UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	0	0
5,001 to 10,000	2	18
10,001 to 50,000	7	197
50,001 to 500,000	2	235
500,001 and above	1	636
Total	12	1086

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Excluding Manager's stock

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

Category	As at 28 Feb 2021 (%)	As at 29 Feb 2020 (%)	As at 28 Feb 2019 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Quoted equities – local			
- Financials	-	-	1.44
- REITs	-	-	1.74
- Industrials	-	-	1.20
- Utilities	-	0.94	3.21
Total quoted equities –	<u>.</u>	0.94	7.59
local	•	0.34	1.03
Quoted equities – foreign		0.77	4.44
- Basic materials	-	0.77	1.41
- Consumer goods	6.90 22.51	4.52 10.80	2.64
- Consumer services	22.5 i 17.44		9.65 18.76
- Financials - Healthcare	1.82	22.37	
- neatricare - Industrials	6.66	3.22	- 10.11
- Oil & Gas	1.50	3.22	4.34
- REITs	1.50	1.96	15.38
- Preference shares	4.22	4.67	15.56
- Technology	32.55	19.99	17.63
- Utilities	1.43	-	4.10
Total quoted equities –			
foreign	95.03	68.31	84.02
Collective investment		3.00	_
schemes - foreign	-		-
Cash & cash equivalent	4.97	27.75	8.39
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

Category	As at 28 Feb 2021 (%)							As at 29 Feb 2020 (%)							28	As at 8 Feb 201 (%)	19				
Currency class	RM Class	EUR Class	USD Class	AUD Class	RMB Class	SGD Class	GBP Class	RM Class	EUR Class	USD Class	AUD Class	RMB Class	SGD Class	GBP Class	RM Class	EUR Class	USD Class	AUD Class	RMB Class	SGD Class	GBP Class
Total NAV (million)	1,048.09	0.496	5.138	3.581	71.546	3.424	0.826	490.38	0.001	1.001	0.310	0.372	0.001	0.022	445.17	0.001	0.050	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
NAV per Unit (respective currencies)	0.8352	0.7757	0.8234	0.7510	0.7779	0.8070	0.7584	0.6233	0.5973	0.5754	0.6255	0.5801	0.5854	0.5666	0.5894	0.5491	0.5462	0.5430	0.5279	0.5379	0.5202
Unit in Circulation (million)	1,254.89	0.639	6.240	4.768	91.969	4.243	1.089	786.70	0.001	1.739	0.495	0.641	0.002	0.039	775.29	0.001	0.091	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Highest NAV	0.9064	0.8491	0.8964	0.8247	0.8425	0.8789	0.8286	0.6623	0.6566	0.6275	0.6587	0.6273	0.6305	0.6124	0.6350	0.5566	0.5518	0.5474	0.5322	0.5441	0.5350
Lowest NAV	0.7097	0.6605	0.6751	0.6669	0.6681	0.6773	0.6618	0.5937	0.5638	0.5404	0.5698	0.5590	0.5492	0.5469	0.5468	0.5000	0.4973	0.5000	0.4938	0.4963	0.4985
Return of the Fund (%)	15.67	16.81	18.97	11.21	12.26	16.18	13.46	5.85	5.94	5.64	8.80	3.28	6.19	0.04	-4.43	9.82	9.24	8.60	5.58	7.58	4.04
- Capital Growth (%)	13.51	15.23	17.46	10.46	11.65	16.18	13.46	4.21	5.94	5.64	8.80	3.28	6.19	0.04	-6.90	9.82	9.24	8.60	5.58	7.58	4.04
- Income Distribution (%) <sup>ii</sup>	1.90	1.38	1.29	0.68	0.54	Nil	Nil	1.57	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2.66	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	1.50	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.40	Nil	Nil	1.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	1.50	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.40	Nil	Nil	1.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Management Expense Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup>				1.19							0.99							0.98			
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) <sup>2</sup>				0.96							1.16							0.82			

#### 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

= (1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) – 1 Total return

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The MER of the Fund was higher than previous period due to higher expenses incurred during the period under review. <sup>2</sup>The PTR of the Fund was lower than previous period due to higher average net asset value of the Fund for the period under review.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Income Distribution / Unit Split**

The Net Asset Value per unit prior and subsequent to the distribution was as follows:-

#### **RM Class**

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
15-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	0.7955	0.0150	0.7875

#### **EUR Class**

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
15-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	0.7339	0.0100	0.7267

**USD Class** 

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
15-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	0.7790	0.0100	0.7761

**AUD Class** 

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
15-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	0.7350	0.0050	0.7315

#### **RMB Class**

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
15-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	0.7357	0.0040	0.7369

No unit split were declared for the financial year ended 28 February 2021.

#### **Performance Review**

#### **MYR Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 15.67% return compared to the benchmark return of 13.19%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 2.48%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was MYR0.8352 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was MYR0.7358. During the period under review, the Fund has declared a gross income distribution of RM0.0150 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 102.50% compared to the benchmark return of 12.24%, outperforming by 90.26%. The fund's investment objective has been met.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

					Since
	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/9/20 -	(1/3/20 -	(1/3/18 -	(1/3/16 -	(29/12/14 -
	28/2/21)	28/2/21)	28/2/21)	28/2/21)	28/2/21)
Fund	15.67%	39.25%	42.92%	95.81%	102.50%
Benchmark	13.19%	10.20%	(2.80%)	27.18%	12.24%
Outperformance	2.48%	29.05%	45.72%	68.63%	90.26%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

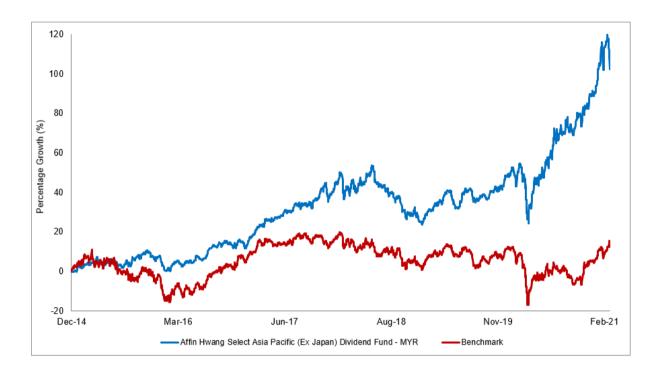
	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	3 Years (1/3/18 - 28/2/21)	5 Years (1/3/16 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (29/12/14 - 28/2/21)
Fund	39.25%	12.63%	14.38%	12.10%
Benchmark	10.20%	(0.94%)	4.92%	1.89%
Outperformance	29.05%	13.57%	9.46%	10.21%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020 (1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	FYE 2019 (1/9/18 - 31/8/19)	FYE 2018 (1/9/17 - 31/8/18)	FYE 2017 (1/9/16 - 31/8/17)	FYE 2016 (1/9/15 - 31/8/16)
Fund	27.42%	(1.40%)	3.63%	19.33%	8.45%
Benchmark	(4.49%)	(6.49%)	(6.95%)	19.23%	2.33%
Outperformance	31.91%	5.09%	10.58%	0.10%	6.12%

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



#### **AUD Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 11.21% return compared to the benchmark return of 11.43%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 0.22%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was AUD0.7510 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was AUD0.6799. During the period under review, the Fund has declared a gross income distribution of AUD0.0050 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 51.23% compared to the benchmark return of 2.67%, outperforming by 48.56%. The fund's investment objective has been met.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months (1/9/20 - 28/2/21)	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	11.21%	20.88%	51.23%
Benchmark	11.43%	(3.58%)	2.67%
Outperformance	(0.22%)	24.46%	48.56%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

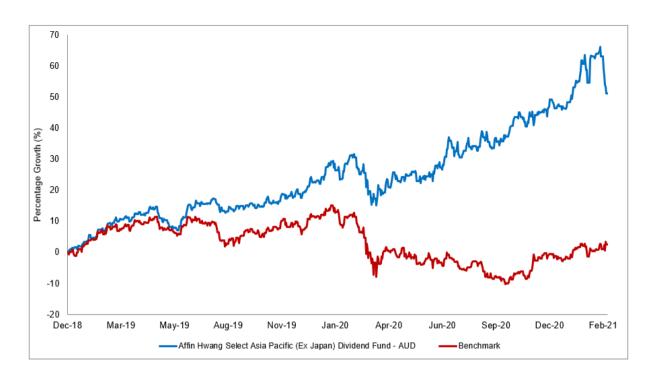
	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	20.88%	20.85%
Benchmark	(3.58%)	1.22%
Outperformance	24.46%	19.63%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
	(1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	(25/12/18 - 31/8/19)
Fund	18.26%	14.98%
Benchmark	(11.97%)	4.67%
Outperformance	30.23%	10.31%

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



#### **EUR Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 16.81% return compared to the benchmark return of 15.12%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 1.69%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was EUR0.7757 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was EUR0.6732. During the period under review, the Fund has declared a gross income distribution of EUR0.0100 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 57.27% compared to the benchmark return of 6.28%, outperforming by 50.99%. The fund's investment objective has been met.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months (1/9/20 - 28/2/21)	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	16.81%	31.65%	57.27%
Benchmark	15.12%	4.47%	6.28%
Outperformance	1.69%	27.18%	50.99%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

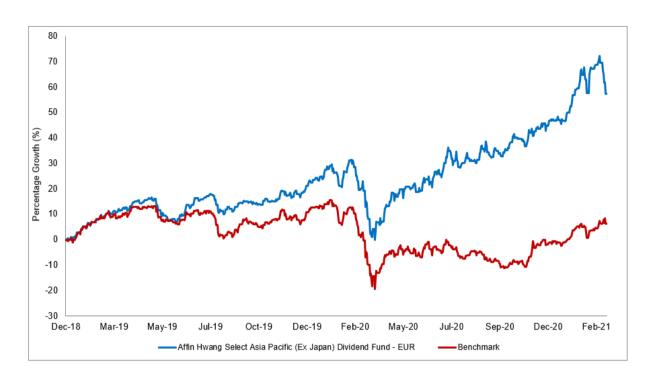
	1 Year	Since Commencement
	(1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	(25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	31.65%	23.04%
Benchmark	4.47%	2.84%
Outperformance	27.18%	20.20%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
	(1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	(25/12/18 - 31/8/19)
Fund	19.40%	12.76%
Benchmark	(11.04%)	3.77%
Outperformance	30.44%	8.99%

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



#### **GBP Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 13.46% return compared to the benchmark return of 11.70%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 1.76%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was GBP0.7584 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was GBP0.6684.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 51.68% compared to the benchmark return of 2.61%, outperforming by 49.07%. The Manager will strive to achieve the fund's investment objective of providing investors with regular income and capital growth over the medium to long-term period.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months	1 Year	Since Commencement
	(1/9/20 - 28/2/21)	(1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	(25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	13.46%	33.85%	51.68%
Benchmark	11.70%	4.98%	2.61%
Outperformance	1.76%	28.87%	49.07%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

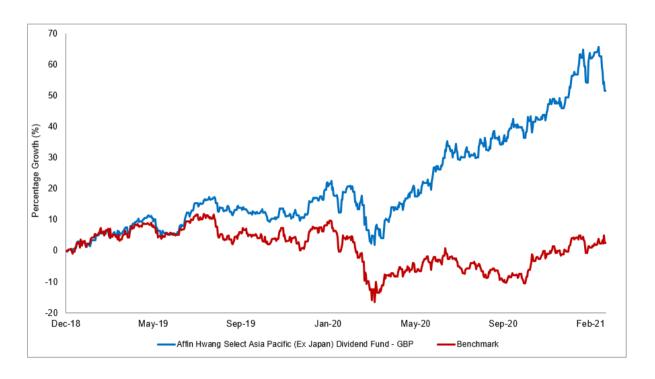
	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	33.85%	21.02%
Benchmark	4.98%	1.19%
Outperformance	28.87%	19.83%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
	(1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	(25/12/18 - 31/8/19)
Fund	18.01%	13.28%
Benchmark	(12.06%)	4.46%
Outperformance	30.07%	8.82%

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



#### **RMB Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 12.26% return compared to the benchmark return of 10.27%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 1.99%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was RMB0.7779 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was RMB0.6967. During the period under review, the Fund has declared a gross income distribution of RMB0.0040 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 56.42% compared to the benchmark return of 5.76%, outperforming by 50.66%. The fund's investment objective has been met.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months (1/9/20 - 28/2/21)	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	12.26%	34.83%	56.42%
Benchmark	10.27%	6.52%	5.76%
Outperformance	1.99%	28.31%	50.66%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

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	1 Year	Since Commencement
	(1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	(25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	34.83%	22.74%
Benchmark	6.52%	2.60%
Outperformance	28.31%	20.14%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
	(1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	(25/12/18 - 31/8/19)
Fund	24.03%	12.34%
Benchmark	(7.52%)	3.70%
Outperformance	31.55%	8.64%

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



#### **SGD Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 16.18% return compared to the benchmark return of 14.10%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 2.08%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was SGD0.8070 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was SGD0.6946.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 61.40% compared to the benchmark return of 9.14%, outperforming by 52.26%. The Manager will strive to achieve the fund's investment objective of providing investors with regular income and capital growth over the medium to long-term period.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months	1 Year	Since Commencement
	(1/9/20 - 28/2/21)	(1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	(25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	16.18%	37.85%	61.40%
Benchmark	14.10%	9.62%	9.14%
Outperformance	2.08%	28.23%	52.26%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

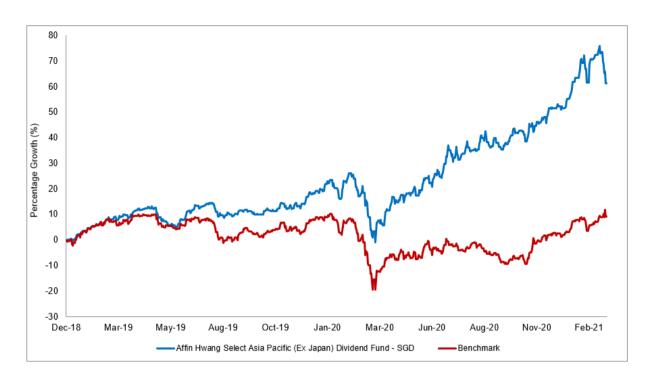
	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	37.85%	24.51%
Benchmark	9.62%	4.10%
Outperformance	28.23%	20.41%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
	(1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	(25/12/18 - 31/8/19)
Fund	25.99%	10.26%
Benchmark	(5.30%)	1.00%
Outperformance	31.29%	9.26%

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



#### **USD Class**

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, the Fund registered a 18.97% return compared to the benchmark return of 16.43%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 2.54%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 28 February 2021 was USD0.8234 while the NAV as at 31 August 2020 was USD0.7010. During the period under review, the Fund has declared a gross income distribution of USD0.0100 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 66.80% compared to the benchmark return of 12.52%, outperforming by 54.28%. The fund's investment objective has been met.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months (1/9/20 - 28/2/21)	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	18.97%	44.94%	66.80%
Benchmark	16.43%	14.72%	12.52%
Outperformance	2.54%	30.22%	54.28%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	Since Commencement (25/12/18 - 28/2/21)
Fund	44.94%	26.40%
Benchmark	14.72%	5.57%
Outperformance	30.22%	20.83%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
	(1/9/19 - 31/8/20)	(25/12/18 - 31/8/19)
Fund	28.69%	8.94%
Benchmark	(3.30%)	(0.07%)
Outperformance	31.99%	9.01%



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

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Mar-20

Jul-20

Benchmark

Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index

Aug-19

Apr-19

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#### **Asset Allocation**

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

As at 28 February 2021, the Fund's equities weighting stood higher at 95.03%. During the period under review, the Manager had increased its exposure within the foreign equities space, while stripped off the local equities and collective investment schemes exposures. The equities exposures was increased mainly via across the sectors as the Manager thinks the effect caused by pandemic was priced in. Cash level of the Fund was kept at 4.97%.

#### **Strategies Employed**

With the extreme volatility in markets, we raised our cash holdings and went into a defensive stance in our allocation. As the sell-down accelerated, we then slowly deployed back into the market with a focus on quality. We continue to keep close monitor and stay vigilant towards market development amidst the rare event of global pandemic.

#### **Market Review**

Global equities started 2021 on a strong note as policy easing, and global vaccine rollouts went underway. At the start of January, US markets saw strong optimism. The storming of the US Capitol in early January had little effect over the broader market. The market showed strong attention to the Biden administration's US\$ 1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief proposal in mid-January. However, a black swan event at the end of the month saw retail investors selectively targeting underperforming stocks (e.g. GME and AMC) that resulted in a short squeeze and pushing their share prices to new highs.

US equity markets ended the month of February with modest gains though sentiment was tested as surging bond yields and inflation fears took precedence. Whilst equities and bonds tend to move in opposite directions, the reality is that equity outperformance in the past year has largely come from growth-centric stocks and "stay at home" trades, which are now facing short-term squeezes on their profit margins from rising rates. Another factor is the shift from growth to value, with value stocks performing better over the month. The Fed lightly addressed some of these concerns but mainly assured that current easy monetary policy will remain, with primary focus on the labor market.

The S&P500 closed 2.76% higher in the month, whilst Asian markets came in marginally lower, with the MSCI Asia ex Japan index gaining 1.25%. It was also a time for earnings announcements. 58.0% of companies in the MSCI Asia ex Japan index reporting their results in the month. Of these, 48.0% saw earnings beat and 12.0% missing estimates. In the US, 790% of the companies in the S&P500 saw earnings beat.

President Biden held his first official call with President Xi Jinping. While Biden may have brought up controversial topics such as economic competition and human rights issues, the call should merely be viewed as a formality rather than tangible progress between China and the US and both sides continue to thread on thin ice. The US House of Representatives also passed a US\$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package

Commodities saw strong returns in the January, buoyed by vaccination programs and normalization of the economy. The commodity market saw four consecutive weeks of increased market inflow, particularly across crude oil, grain & oilseed, and livestock markets. This rally continued in February, as copper saw its largest monthly gain in over four years and oil prices hitting new one-year highs. The S&P GSCI posted a return on 10.67% in the month.

Following from 2020's political overhang, Malaysia's Yang di-Pertuan Agong issued a Proclamation of Emergency, resulting in the implementation of MCO 2.0 as daily Covid-19 cases rose to four digits. Restrictions on movement were less stringent than the initial MCO from 2020, though inconsistent communication surrounding the restrictions resulted in some public confusion.

The PN government unveiled its fifth economic stimulus package, PERMAI, worth RM 15 billion. Market impact was neutral following the announcement, as the package was viewed largely as a safety net aimed at cushioning the downside impact of MCO 2.0's implementation, especially to more vulnerable sectors.

Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) came in at 122.5 in February 2021, a marginal increase of 0.1% from January 2021. Despite this, trade numbers have been gradually increasing as global trade picks up. December 2020 saw Malaysia's exports rise 10.8% y-o-y and imports rebounding for the first time in 9 months by 1.6% y-o-y. This positive momentum continued in January 2021, with exports expanding by 6.6% y-o-y to RM 89.6 billion. Imports saw the same trend, increasing by 1.3% y-o-y.

In February, the local equity market's performance was muted relative to regional peers, gaining by 0.82% in the month. It was also results season in the local market, with the tech sector largely reporting earnings beat on the back of robust demand. AmBank announced a settlement cost of RM2.83 billion for its role and involvement in the 1MDB scandal that took place prior. This accounts for up to 30.0% of its market capitalisation. Petronas announced its first annual loss of RM 21 billion in 2020, its weak earnings dragged by weak product prices and margins, in line with last year's decline in crude oil prices.

The Malaysian bond market saw an unwinding of "rate cut" bets at the end of January following BNM's announcement to keep interest rates unchanged at 1.75% highlighting that recovery of the local economy was underway. The shorter-end of the MGS curve saw yields rise whilst longer-tenured papers remained resilient. Market is of the expectation that central bank will cut rates in BNM's next meeting in March, but our in-house view views that the likelihood of a cut is minimal.

Yields trended higher in tandem with US treasury movement in the month of February. The 10-year MGS closed at 3.08%. The corporate space also saw yields edge higher, particularly in the longer-dated names of the IG credit space. The primary market was greeted by the auction of a new 7-year GII of RM 3.5 billion. The trend here follows from January's auction of the 10-year MGS, with strong bidding interest as the 7-year GII posted a bid-to-cover ratio of 2.2x, supported by onshore interbank players. The yield closed at 2.8%.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Global markets have rallied sharply from their lowest, supported by fiscal and monetary stimulus. The economy is still recovering, albeit at a slow pace, as consumers' confidence return following the low death rates despite the rise in infections. With most markets recovering the year's losses by December coincided with the release of Phase III clinical trial data for the vaccines, there is certainly light at the end of the tunnel for global markets.

Recovery plays will be the most obvious theme for the year improving macroeconomic conditions and the inevitable rollout of vaccines has everyone looking to the future and letting go of 2020's miseries. General market consensus suggests global GDP is down 5% in 2020, with an expected rebound of 5.4% in 2021 with the reopening of economies and growth returns. We have already started to see the rotation from growth to value take place in the start of 2021.

January 2021's US employment report was less than stellar as nonfarm payrolls increased only by half of the market's initial consensus, which is worse when compared to the fact that it had already been revised down by 159,000 two months prior. The US labor market has some ways to go for recovery as Covid-19 cases continue to rise. Valuations in the American market are coming across as stretched as the S&P 500 surpasses far beyond its historical P/E average of 15x -17x. There has been some correction in the recent few weeks and we may see this correction extend for a further couple more months.

Earnings momentum will continue in 2021 with earnings growth projected to rise by 38.0% in Asia ex-Japan (ex-Financials) according to estimates by some sell-side analysts. Key sectors leading the recovery include the energy, consumer discretionary and industrials. Though, this is tempered by moderately higher valuations which has creeped up above historical averages. Liquidity conditions remain positive and with earnings visibility from Asian companies that are riding along a China-led economic recovery, Asia continues to be an ocean of growth potential as the region continues to grow.

Following President Biden's call to China, we still expect little improvement between China and the US's already contentious relationship. We see at least a few months of reprieve for the global economy as the two leading nations focus on economic recovery. It will not be long before they step back into the boxing ring to tackle the long list of conflicting issues they face, ranging from trade issues, social rights and environmental impacts.

Economic recovery continues to be delayed by Covid-19 as cases surge throughout the country/ From a bottom-up perspective, the domestic focus will be on the recovery beneficiaries and exporters in the technology and EMS segment which have strong earnings visibility in the near term as well increasing demand. Political risk has been delayed with the declaration of state of emergency until August 2021

Fund flows continue to pour in, following 2020's trend which began in the month of March. In the US. long-term mutual funds and exchange-traded funds picked up US\$95 billion in new assets. ESG funds have also been gathering plenty of interest and we will expect this investor shift to ESG-focused funds to be more commonplace across the industry. The Biden administration's foray into building stronger climate change initiatives also signals a shift for the investment industry as this will generate more opportunities across asset classes. The wider implications of this on the economy will take time to materialise, but will continue to be observed.

#### 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 UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG SELECT ASIA PACIFIC (EX JAPAN) DIVIDEND FUND

We have acted as Trustee for Affin Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund Dividend Fund ("the Fund") for the financial period 28 February 2021. To the best of our knowledge, for the financial period under review, Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad ("the Manager"), has operated and managed the Fund in accordance with the following:-

- (a) limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Manager and the Trustee under the Deeds, the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and other applicable laws;
- (b) valuation and pricing for the Fund has been carried out in accordance with the Deeds of the Fund and applicable regulatory requirements; and
- (c) creation and cancellation of units for the Fund have been carried out in accordance with the Deeds of the Fund and applicable regulatory requirements.

We are of the view that the distributions made during this financial period ended 28 February 2021 by the Manager are not inconsistent with the objectives of the Fund.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

**Ng Hon Leong** Head, Trustee Operations **Gerald Ang**Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur 15 April 2021

**UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

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# UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>28.2.2021</u> RM	6 month financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
Dividend income		5,449,389	3,610,860
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost  Net loss on foreign currency exchange		44,728 (1,211,334)	27,723 (1,262,189)
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss		1,705,233	(318,252)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	129,457,022	32,000,981
		135,445,038	34,059,123
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Transaction costs Other expenses	4 5	(7,870,423) (255,545) (4,711) (1,884) (4,090,396) (2,068,255)	(4,334,509) (143,726) (3,730) (47,636) (2,240,437) (482,686)
		(14,291,214)	(7,252,724)
NET PROFIT BEFORE FINANCE COST AND TAXATION		121,153,824	26,806,399
FINANCE COST (EXCLUDING INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)			
Distributions	6	(16,477,914)	(7,635,160)
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		104,675,910	19,171,239
Taxation	7		_
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		104,675,910	19,171,239

#### UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>28.2.2021</u> RM	6 month financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
Increase in net asset attributable to unitholders comprise the following:			
Realised amount Unrealised amount		40,462,170 64,213,740	16,335,905 2,835,334
		104,675,910	19,171,239

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

# UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021</u> RM	<u>2020</u> RM
ASSETS		1 1101	TUVI
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from brokers Amount due from Manager	9	23,654,158 51,405,450	123,538,396 22,823,278
- creation of units - management fee rebate receivable		12,293,493	2,116,333 414
Dividend receivables Other receivables Financial assets at fair value through		1,352,154 595,900	503,666 -
profit or loss	8	1,085,709,034	357,747,302
TOTAL ASSETS		1,175,010,189	506,729,389
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager		29,271,146	10,047,620
- management fee		1,671,625 1,104,311	737,302 99,535
Amount due to Trustee		54,215	23,912
Auditors' remuneration		4,711	3,729
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		2,701	0,000
at fair value through profit or loss	10	394,227	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS			
ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)		32,508,620	10,925,846
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		1,142,501,569	495,803,543
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		1,142,501,569	495,803,543
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager - management fee - cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss  TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)  NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	10	1,671,625 1,104,311 54,215 4,711 5,684 2,701 394,227 32,508,620	737,302 99,538 23,912 3,729 5,690 8,058 10,925,846 495,803,543

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

# UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021</u> RM	<u>2020</u> RM
REPRESENTED BY			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS			
- AUD Class - EUR Class - GBP Class - RM Class - RMB Class - SGD Class - USD Class		11,360,272 2,437,423 4,662,516 1,048,094,296 44,702,162 10,447,529 20,797,371	852,764 2,777 119,910 490,383,838 224,299 3,538 4,216,417 495,803,543
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION			
<ul> <li>AUD Class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>GBP Class</li> <li>RM Class</li> <li>RMB Class</li> <li>SGD Class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul>	11(b) 11(c) 11(d) 11(a) 11(e) 11(f) 11(g)	4,768,000 639,000 1,089,000 1,254,893,000 91,969,000 4,243,000 6,240,000	495,000 1,000 39,000 786,701,000 641,000 2,000 1,739,000
		1,363,841,000	789,618,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)			
<ul> <li>AUD Class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>GBP Class</li> <li>RM Class</li> <li>RMB Class</li> <li>SGD Class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul>		2.3826 3.8144 4.2815 0.8352 0.4861 2.4623 3.3329	1.7228 2.7769 3.0746 0.6233 0.3499 1.7687 2.4246
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
<ul> <li>AUD Class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>GBP Class</li> <li>RM Class</li> <li>RMB Class</li> <li>SGD Class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul>		AUD0.7510 EUR0.7757 GBP0.7584 RM0.8352 RMB0.7779 SGD0.8070 USD0.8234	AUD0.6255 EUR0.5973 GBP0.5666 RM0.6233 RMB0.5801 SGD0.5854 USD0.5754

# UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	6 months financial period ended <u>28.2.2021</u> RM	6 months financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	627,213,819	464,014,199
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:		
Creation of units arising from applications	466,988,492	44,579,632
<ul> <li>AUD Class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>GBP Class</li> <li>RM Class</li> <li>RMB Class</li> <li>SGD Class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul>	16,024,967 2,234,950 5,057,762 359,552,429 46,376,627 14,251,788 23,489,969	333,442 - 137,491 40,498,553 - - 3,610,146
Creation of units arising from distribution	16,344,718	7,596,176
- AUD Class - EUR Class - GBP Class - RM Class - RMB Class - SGD Class - USD Class	74,105 10,534 - 16,164,611 6,401 - 89,067	7,596,176 - - - - -
Cancellation of units	(72,721,370)	(39,557,703)
<ul> <li>AUD Class</li> <li>EUR Class</li> <li>GBP Class</li> <li>RM Class</li> <li>RMB Class</li> <li>SGD Class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul>	(7,162,932) (391,968) (850,943) (52,915,984) (53,708) (4,903,163) (6,442,672)	(56,871) (38,940,658) (164,903) (395,271)

# UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

	6 months financial period ended <u>28.2.2021</u> RM	6 months financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
Net increase in net assets attributable to		
unitholders during the financial period	104,675,910	19,171,239
- AUD Class	1,551,108	21,343
- EUR Class	25,652	154
- GBP Class	289,154	7,342
- RM Class	103,091,084	19,183,518
- RMB Class	(1,698,558)	12,420
- SGD Class	826,474	14,476
- USD Class	590,996	(68,014)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		
AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	1,142,501,569	495,803,543

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

#### UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>28.2.2021</u> RM	6 month financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Dividends received Interest received Rebate of management fee received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses Realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contract Net realised foreign currency exchange (loss)/gain  Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		640,704,449 (1,001,862,233) 4,448,289 44,728 (7,152,032) (232,246) (2,079,212) 2,776,960 (9,223,264) (372,574,561)	3,600,197 27,723 10,981 (4,323,433) (143,367) (544,344) (537,172) 2,109,329
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units Payments for cancellation of units Payment for distribution		456,078,664 (72,026,071) (133,196)	42,463,299 (40,758,302) (38,984)
Net cash generated from financing activities		383,919,397	1,666,013
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		11,344,836	66,060,727
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		(32,248)	12,485
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		12,341,570	57,465,184
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	9	23,654,158	123,538,396

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

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

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

#### 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, International Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS").

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS 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 revenues and expenses during the reported financial period. 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 N.

- (a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are effective
  - The Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Revised 2018)
  - Amendments to MFRS 101 and MFRS 108 'Definition of Material'

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.
  - 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.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 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 are 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 gains and losses on sale of investments

For quoted equities and collective investment scheme, 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.

#### **D** DISTRIBUTIONS

A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a financial cost in the statement of comprehensive income. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee of the Fund

#### **E** TAXATION

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

Tax on investment income from foreign investments is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

Withholding taxes on investment income from foreign investment are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognised, measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### F 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.

#### G FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATIONS

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

#### H FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### (i) Classification

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

- those to be measured subsequently 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 are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager, dividend receivables and other receivables as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

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.

#### (ii) Recognition and 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.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### H FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

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 derecognised 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 including the effects of foreign transactions are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the financial 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 period 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.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### H FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### (iii) Impairment

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 unlikeliness 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 insolvenet

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

#### Write-off

The Fund write 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 period.

#### I 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 that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### J CREATION AND CANCELLATION OF UNITS

The unitholders' capital to the Fund meets the definition of puttable instruments classified as financial liability under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation".

The Fund issues cancellable units, in seven classes of units, known respectively as the RM class, AUD class, EUR class, GBP class, RMB class, SGD class and USD class, which are cancelled at the unitholder's option and do not have identical features. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the statement of financial position if the unitholder exercises the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the unitholder's option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. The Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

#### K 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 H for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

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

#### L DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A derivative financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and a financial liability or equity instrument of another enterprise.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments comprise forward foreign currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value. Financial derivative position will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative financial instruments are recognised in profit or loss when settled or at the date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative financial instrument. Derivative instruments that have a negative fair value are presented in liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the date of statements of financial position with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### M INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders.

#### N CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS 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 judgements 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.

# O REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF INCREASE OR DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

The analysis of realised and unrealised increase or decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

#### 1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 1 July 2013 as modified by a Supplemental Deed dated 5 November 2014 and a Second Supplemental Deed dated 23 July 2018 (the "Deeds") entered into between Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee"). The Fund has changed its name from Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund to Affin Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund as amended by the Supplemental Deed dated 5 November 2014. The Fund issued six new class of units in Australian Dollar ("AUD"), Euro ("EUR"), Pound Sterling ("GBP"), Renminbi ("RMB"), Singapore Dollar ("SGD") and United States Dollar ("USD") as amended by Second Supplemental Deed dated 23 July 2018.

The Fund commenced operations on 29 December 2014 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 12.3 of the Deeds.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments:

- 1) Listed securities;
- 2) Unlisted securities including, without limitation, securities that have been approved by the relevant regulatory authorities for the listing of and quotation for such securities;
- 3) Government bonds, treasury bills and other government approved or guaranteed bonds;
- 4) Debentures:
- 5) Money market instruments;
- 6) Deposits with financial institutions;
- 7) Structured products such as credit-linked notes;
- 8) Derivatives instruments, including but not limited to options, futures contracts, forward contracts and swaps;
- 9) Warrants;
- 10) Units or shares in local and foreign collective investment schemes which are in line with the objective of the Fund; and
- Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the SC from time to time which are in line with the objective of the Fund.

All investments will be subjected to the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Deeds and the objective of the Fund.

The main objective of the Fund endeavours to provide unitholders with regular income and capital growth over the medium to long-term period.

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 series to private clients.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 15 April 2021.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>costs</u> RM	At fair through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2021</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from brokers Amount due from Manager	9	23,654,158 51,405,450	-	23,654,158 51,405,450
- creation of units Dividend receivables Other receivables		12,293,493 1,352,154 595,900		12,293,493 1,352,154 595,900
Quoted equities	8	-	1,085,709,034	1,085,709,034
Total		89,301,155	1,085,709,034	1,175,010,189
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager		29,271,146	-	29,271,146
<ul> <li>management fee</li> <li>cancellation of units</li> <li>Amount due to Trustee</li> <li>Auditor's remuneration</li> <li>Tax agent's fee</li> </ul>		1,671,625 1,104,311 54,215 4,711 5,684	- - -	1,671,625 1,104,311 54,215 4,711 5,684
Other payables and accruals		2,701	-	2,701
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	10		394,227	394,227
		32,114,393	394,227	32,508,620
2020				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from brokers Amount due from Manager	9	123,538,396 22,823,278		123,538,396 22,823,278
creation of units     management fee rebate receivable		2,116,333 414	-	2,116,333 414
Dividend receivables Quoted equities Collective investment scheme	8 8	503,666 - -	343,283,627 14,463,675	503,666 343,283,627 14,463,675
Total		148,982,087	357,747,302	506,729,389

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

Financial liabilities	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>costs</u> RM	At fair through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager		10,047,620	-	10,047,620
- management fee		737,302	-	737,302
- cancellation of units		99,535	-	99,535
Amount due to Trustee		23,912	-	23,912
Auditor's remuneration		3,729	-	3,729
Tax agent's fee		5,690	-	5,690
Other payables and accruals		8,058	-	8,058
		10,925,846	-	10,925,846

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency 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:

Quoted investments	
Quoted equities 1,085,709,034 Collective investment scheme	4 343,283,627 - 14,463,675
1,085,709,034	357,747,302

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (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 profit after taxation and net asset value ("NAV") to price risk movement. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 10% (2020: 10%) and decreased by 10% (2020: 10%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on profit after <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
2021		
-10% 0% +10%	977,138,131 1,085,709,034 1,194,279,937	(108,570,903) 108,570,903
<u>2020</u>		
-10% 0% +10%	321,972,572 357,747,302 393,522,032	(35,774,730) - 35,774,730

#### (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 future cash flows.

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

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

### (c) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate in an unfavourable movements against Ringgit Malaysia, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of the foreign currency versus Ringgit Malaysia based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels and technical chart considerations.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk (continued)

#### (c) Currency risk (continued)

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

<u>2021</u>		Quoted <u>equities</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets					
Australian Dollar China Renminbi Euro Hong Kong Dollar Indian Rupee Korea Won Pound Sterling Singapore Dollar Taiwan Dollar United States Dollar		17,660,785 20,978,833 415,395,129 81,157,009 82,825,296 - 21,236,229 123,108,111 323,347,642	314,864 9,492 255,786 13,013 858,256 269,619 - 2 2 - 21,748,235	125,637 704,917 - 3,572,497 - 28,793,375 1,000,654 71,856 20,230,595 322,299	440,501 18,375,194 21,234,619 418,980,639 82,015,265 111,888,290 1,000,654 21,308,087 143,338,706 345,418,176
		1,085,709,034	23,469,267	54,821,830	1,164,000,131
Financial liabilities	Amount due to <u>Manager</u> RM	Amount due to <u>brokers</u> RM	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> RM	Net assets attributable to <u>unitholders</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Australian Dollar China Renminbi Euro Hong Kong Dollar Indian Rupee Pound Sterling Singapore Dollar United States Dollar	77,171 - - - - 570,576 - 647,747	18,564,699 883,947 - 9,822,500 	394,227	11,360,272 44,702,162 2,437,423 - 4,662,516 10,447,529 20,797,371 	11,437,443 44,702,162 2,437,423 18,564,699 883,947 4,662,516 11,018,105 31,014,098
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# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk (continued)

#### (c) Currency risk (continued)

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

<u>2020</u>	Quoted equities RM	Collective investment schemes RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets					
Australian Dollar China Renminbi Hong Kong Dollar Korea Won Pound Sterling Singapore Dollar Taiwan Dollar Thailand Bath United States Dollar	3,830,622 4,061,216 212,146,324 24,557,093 - 40,468,069 24,999,222 - 28,582,361	- - - - - 14,463,675	2,244 6,034,621 24,744,920 2 53,719 5,923,135 - 81,811,276	12,502,046 287,051 - 302,906 - 185,710 10,049,231	3,832,866 10,095,837 249,393,290 24,844,146 53,719 46,694,110 24,999,222 14,649,385 120,442,868
	338,644,907	14,463,675	118,569,917	23,326,944	495,005,443
Financial liabilities			Amount due to <u>brokers</u> RM	Net assets attributable to <u>unitholders</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Australian Dollar China Renminbi Euro Pound Sterling Singapore Dollar United States Dollar			- - - - 10,047,620 -	852,764 224,299 2,777 119,910 3,538 4,216,417	852,764 224,299 2,777 119,910 10,051,158 4,216,417
			10,047,620	5,419,705	15,467,325

<sup>\*</sup>Other assets consist of amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager and dividend receivables.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk (continued)

#### (c) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after tax and net asset value to changes in foreign exchange movements. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by 10% (2020:10%), with all other variables remain constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unitholders by approximately 10% (2020:10%). Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

2021	Change in <u>price</u> %	Impact on profit after tax/ <u>NAV</u> RM
Australian Dollar China Renminbi Euro Hong Kong Dollar Indian Rupee Korean Won Pound Sterling Singapore Dollar Taiwan Dollar United States Dollar	+/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10	+/- (1,099,694) +/- (2,632,697) +/- 1,879,720 +/- 40,041,594 +/- 8,113,132 +/- 11,188,829 +/- (366,186) +/- 1,028,998 +/- 14,333,871 +/- 31,440,408
2020		
Australian Dollar China Renminbi Euro Hong Kong Dollar Korean Won Pound Sterling Singapore Dollar Taiwan Dollar Thailand Baht United States Dollar	+/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10 +/- 10	+/- 987,154 +/- 278 +/- 24,939,329 +/- 2,484,415 +/- (6,619) +/- 3,664,295

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Credit risk

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

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>2021</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Basic materials - NR Consumer goods - NR Consumer service	-	8,859,898 3,572,497	8,859,898 3,572,497
- NR Financials - AAA	-	43,085	43,085
- AA1 - NR Other	23,654,158	640,589	23,654,158 640,589
- NR Technology - NR	-	12,293,493 40,237,435	12,293,493 40,237,435
	23,654,158	65,646,997	89,301,155

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (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)

<u>2020</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Consumer service - NR Financials - AAA - AA1	- 4,938,488 118,599,908	9,540,975	9,540,975 4,938,488 118,599,908
- NR Other - NR Technology	-	3,263,977 2,116,747	3,263,977 2,116,747
- NR	123,538,396	25,443,691	10,521,992

<sup>\*</sup> Other assets consist of amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager, dividend receivables and other receivables.

#### 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 payments and cancellation of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

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.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

Liquidity risk (continued)

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

<u>2021</u>	Within <u>one month</u> RM	Between one month to one year RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager	29,271,146	-	29,271,146
<ul> <li>management fee</li> <li>cancellation of units</li> <li>Amount due to Trustee</li> </ul>	1,671,625 1,104,311 54,215	-	1,671,625 1,104,311 54,215
Auditor's remuneration Tax agent's fee		4,711 5,684	4,711 5,684
Other payables and accruals Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	- -	2,701 394,227	2,701 394,227
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	1,142,501,569	-	1,142,501,569
	1,174,602,866	407,323	1,175,010,189
2020			
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager	10,047,620	-	10,047,620
<ul> <li>management fee</li> <li>cancellation of units</li> </ul>	737,302 99,535	-	737,302 99,535
Amount due to Trustee Auditor's remuneration Tax agent's fee	23,912 - -	3,729 5,690	23,912 3,729 5,690
Other payables and accruals Net assets attributable to unitholders*	495,803,543	8,058	8,058 495,803,543
	506,711,912	17,477	506,729,389

<sup>\*</sup>Outstanding units are redeemed on demand at the holder's option. However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of the instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unitholders. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders 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.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is 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 market (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the period 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.

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>2021</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - quoted equities	1,085,709,034	_		1,085,709,034

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (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: (continued)

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2021 (continued)				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss - forward foreign currency				
contracts		394,227		394,227
2020				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
<ul><li>- quoted equities</li><li>- collective investment</li></ul>	343,283,627	-	-	343,283,627
scheme	14,463,675		<b>-</b>	14,463,675
	357,747,302	-		357,747,302

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include quoted equities and collective investment scheme. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include forward foreign currency contracts. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

(ii) The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager, dividend receivables, other receivables and all current liabilities except forward foreign currency contracts are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short term nature.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 5.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

For the 6 months financial period ended 28 February 2021, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.85% (2020: 1.85%) per annum 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 the amounts recognised above.

#### 5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee, at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges) calculated and accrued daily.

For the 6 months financial period ended 28 February 2021, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.06% (2020: 0.06%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, inclusive of local custodian fee, calculated on daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

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

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 6 DISTRIBUTIONS

	6 months financial period ended 28.2.2021 RM	6 months financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
Distribution to unitholders are from the following sources:		
Gross dividend income Previous year's realised income	1,707,654 14,770,260	113,894 7,521,266
Less: Expenses	16,477,914	7,635,160
Net distribution income	16,477,914	7,635,160

During the 6 months financial period ended 28 February 2021 and 29 February 2020, the distribution were made as follows:

	Gross/Net distribution per unit (cent/sen)				
	AUD	EUR	USD		
	<u>class</u>	<u>class</u>	<u>class</u>	<u>class</u>	<u>class</u>
	AUD	EUR	RM	RMB	USD
<u>2021</u>					
16.12.2020	0.50	1.00	1.50	0.40	1.00
_	0.50	1.00	1.50	0.40	1.00
<u>2020</u>					
18.12.2019	<u>-</u>		1.00		
<u> </u>	_		1.00		_

Gross distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses, divided by the number of units in circulation, while net distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses and taxation divided by the number of units in circulation.

Included in the distribution for the financial period is an amount of RM14,770,260 (2020: RM7,521,266) made from previous year's realised income.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

### 7 TAXATION

	6 months financial period ended 28.2.2021 RM	6 month financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
Current taxation	_	_
The numerical reconciliation between net profit before finance cost and taxat statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:	ion multiplied by	the Malaysian
	6 months financial period ended 28.2.2021 RM	6 month financial period ended 29.2.2020 RM
Net profit before finance cost and taxation	121,153,824	26,806,399
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2020: 24%)	29,076,918	6,433,536
Tax effects of: Investment income not subject to tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	(32,506,809) 1,539,859 1,890,032	(8,174,189) 699,476 1,041,177
Tax expense	-	-

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

	<u>2021</u> RM	<u>2020</u> RM
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss: - quoted equities – local - quoted equities – foreign 1,08 - collective investment schemes – foreign	35,709,034 -	4,638,720 338,644,907 14,463,675
1,08	35,709,034	357,747,302
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	64,139,307 65,317,715	29,386,477 2,603,930 10,574
12	29,457,022	32,000,981

# In arriving at the fair value of collective investment schemes, the management fee initially paid to the Manager of collective investment schemes have been considered as part of its net asset value. In order to prevent the double charging of management fee which is not permissible under SC Guidelines, management fee charged on the Fund's investments in collective investment schemes have been refunded to the Fund. Accordingly, any rebate of management fee received from the Manager of collective investment schemes is reflected as an increase in the net asset value of the collective investment schemes.

- (a) Quoted equities local
  - (i) There are no investment in quoted equities local as at 28 February 2021.
  - (ii) Quoted equities local as at 29 February 2020 is as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
<u>Utilities</u> Mega First Corp Bhd	906,000	1,703,280	4,638,720	0.94
Total quoted equities – local	906,000	1,703,280	4,638,720	0.94
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		2,935,440		
Total quoted equities – local	-	4,638,720		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign
  - (i) Quoted equities foreign as at 28 February 2021 is as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
<u>China</u>				
Consumer services China Intl Travel Serv Corp Ld	91,802	18,476,288	17,660,785	1.55
Germany				
Consumer services Hello Fresh SE	66,398	23,795,453	20,978,833	1.84
Hong Kong				
Consumer Goods China Feihe Ltd Haier Smart Home Co Ltd	2,257,000 1,881,400	25,352,228 30,881,504	24,908,410 28,960,578	2.18 2.53
	4,138,400	56,233,732	53,868,988	4.71
Consumer Services Alibaba Group Holding Ltd JD.com Inc Kuaishou Technology Netjoy Holdings Ltd Topsports International Hld	677,884 79,000 60,400 3,635,900 1,381,000	78,448,171 12,595,481 12,248,729 13,838,779 7,701,669 124,832,829	82,133,753 14,831,747 9,726,060 15,234,617 8,186,082	7.19 1.30 0.85 1.33 0.72

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign (continued)
  - (i) Quoted equities foreign as at 28 February 2021 is as follows: (continued)

Hong Kong (continued)	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
F				
Financials AIA Group Ltd KWG Living Group Holdings Ltd Link REIT Ping An Insurance Grp Co China	646,000 3,824,000 477,000 353,000	27,508,709 17,468,032 17,867,897 17,595,232	32,713,885 18,437,156 18,206,932 17,544,612	2.86 1.61 1.59 1.53
	5,300,000	80,439,870	86,902,585	7.59
Oil & Gas Xinte Energy Co Ltd	1,583,600	20,390,844	17,146,191	1.50
Technology Alibaba Health Information Tec HKBN Ltd Tencent Holdings Ltd Weimob Inc Xiaomi Corp	1,210,000 2,288,500 184,700 1,028,000 1,637,400	15,214,885 13,627,246 43,483,507 15,706,599 24,207,807	16,384,259 13,446,008 63,849,404 12,069,234 21,616,201	1.43 1.18 5.59 1.06 1.89
	6,348,600	112,240,044	127,365,106	11.15
<u>India</u>				
Consumer Goods Varun Beverages Ltd	262,632	13,158,339	15,194,574	1.33
Financials				
<u>Financials</u> HDFC Bank Ltd State Bank India	254,048 1,032,767	19,663,293 12,743,257	21,511,495 22,250,036	1.88 1.95
	1,286,815	32,406,550	43,761,531	3.83
Healthcare Max Healthcare Institute Ltd	585,287	6,487,983	5,872,600	0.51
<u>Utilities</u> Petronet LNG Ltd	1,157,576	15,981,076	16,328,304	1.43

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign (continued)
  - (i) Quoted equities foreign as at 28 February 2021 is as follows: (continued)

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
<u>Korea</u>				
Preference Share Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref Shares	183,741	33,448,207	48,186,945	4.22
Technology SK Hynix Inc	68,194	20,971,029	34,638,351	3.03
<u>Singapore</u>				
<u>Financials</u> Credit Bureau Asia Ltd	1,408,000	3,988,030	5,842,299	0.51
Industrial Nanofilm Technologies Intl PL	1,087,400	9,063,450	15,393,930	1.35
<u>Taiwan</u>				
Industrial Hon Hai Precision Industry Co	1,730,000	26,337,959	28,133,952	2.46
Technology ASE Technology Holding Co Ltd Media Tek Inc Taiwan Semiconductor Manufac	1,180,000 148,000 659,000	13,828,915 15,057,719 31,571,682	17,733,276 19,254,682 57,986,201	1.55 1.68 5.08
	1,987,000	60,458,316	94,974,159	8.31
<u>United States</u>				
Consumer Goods Sony Corp	22,834	9,819,265	9,768,859	0.86

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign (continued)
  - (ii) Quoted equities foreign as at 28 February 2021 is as follows: (continued)

United States (continued)	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
<u>Office Otales</u> (continues)				
Consumer Services Amazon.com Inc American Eagle Outfitters Inc TJX Cos Inc/The	2,999 338,103 58,488	32,107,492 27,036,141 13,542,395	37,508,061 35,169,728 15,624,192	3.28 3.08 1.37
	399,590	72,686,028	88,301,981	7.73
Financials  IPMovemen Change & Co.	25,104	12,410,570	14,945,586	1.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co Visa Inc	55,882	45,396,212	48,041,141	4.20
	80,986	57,806,782	62,986,727	5.51
<u>Healthcare</u>	45 400	10.050.000	11017717	4.04
Laboratory Corp of America Hdg	15,400	12,252,229	14,947,717	1.31
Industrials Axon Enterprise Inc PayPal Holdings Inc	20,865 17,683	8,569,038 16,360,188	13,925,140 18,590,812	1.22 1.63
	38,548	24,929,226	32,515,952	2.85
Technology	05.007	10 007 100	10.740.105	4.40
Apple Inc. Baidu Inc	25,987 43,415	13,897,438 31,833,732	12,748,105 49,555,421	1.12 4.34
Micron Technology Inc	27,589	5,828,795	10,218,599	0.89
Microsoft Corporation	20,022	10,496,662	18,815,646	1.65
Nvidia Corporation	10,586	24,002,711	23,488,635	2.06
	127,599	86,059,338	114,826,406	10.06
Total quoted equities – foreign	33,804,586	922,262,867	1,085,709,034	95.03
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – foreign		163,446,167		
Total quoted equities – foreign		1,085,709,034		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign
  - (ii) Quoted equities foreign as at 29 February 2020 is as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
<u>Australia</u>				
Basic materials Hastings Technology Metals Ltd Ramelius Resources Ltd	2,300,000 1,008,095	1,450,159 3,691,884	665,188 3,165,434	0.13 0.64
	3,308,095	5,142,043	3,830,622	0.77
<u>China</u>				
<u>Financials</u> Ping An Bank Co Ltd	464,800	4,167,846	4,061,216	0.82
Hong Kong				
Consumer Goods Ausnutria Dairy Corporation Li Ning Company Limited Nissin Foods Co Ltd Shenzhou Intl Group Holdings Techtronic Industries Co	758,000 216,500 1,391,000 100,000 140,500 2,606,000	5,178,581 2,524,347 5,195,604 5,661,831 5,273,172 23,833,535	5,139,526 2,399,762 4,911,302 5,174,499 4,786,006 22,411,095	1.04 0.48 0.99 1.04 0.97
Consumer Services Alibaba Group Holding Ltd China Yuhua Education Corp Ltd Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Topsports International Hld	275,884 840,000 1,295,800 1,357,000 3,768,684	24,264,111 2,517,204 5,102,468 7,781,664 39,665,447	29,834,096 2,738,754 4,729,314 6,603,569 43,905,733	6.02 0.55 0.95 1.33

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign (continued)
  - (ii) Quoted equities foreign as at 29 February 2020 is as follows: (continued)

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2.07
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1.82 2.37
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# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

- (b) Quoted equities foreign (continued)
  - (ii) Quoted equities foreign as at 29 February 2020 is as follows: (continued)

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Singapore (continued)				
Industrial Venture Corp Ltd	200,600	10,090,615	9,951,715	2.01
REIT Ascendas Real Estate InvTrust	1,052,500	10,003,109	9,730,550	1.96
<u>Taiwan</u>				
Industrial Delta Electronics Inc	236,000	4,636,570	4,589,256	0.93
Technology Taiwan Semiconductor Manufac	465,000	15,188,887	20,409,966	4.12
<u>United States</u>				
Consumer Services Amazon.com Inc	1,215	10,246,158	9,664,224	1.95
Technology Facebook Inc Microsoft Corporation	11,922 13,526	9,096,468 6,005,879	9,678,100 9,240,037	1.95 1.86
	25,448	15,102,347	18,918,137	3.82
Total quoted equities – foreign	25,635,603	312,842,533	338,644,907	68.30
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – foreign		25,802,374		
Total quoted equities – foreign		338,644,907		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

- (c) Collective investment schemes foreign
  - (i) There is no collective investment scheme foreign as at 28 February 2021.
  - (ii) Collective investment scheme foreign as at 29 February 2020.

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Jasmine Broadband Internet Infrastructure Fund	12,602,454	15,937,873	14,463,675	3.00
Total collective investment scheme – foreign	12,602,454	15,937,873	14,463,675	3.00
Accumulated unrealised loss on collective investment scheme – foreign		(1,474,198)		
Total collective investment scheme – foreign	_ _	14,463,675		

#### 9 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

23,654,158 -	118,599,908 4,938,488
23,654,158	123,538,396
_	23,654,158

Weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposit with a licensed financial institution is as follows:

	<u>2021</u> %	<u>2020</u> %
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	2.75

Deposit with licensed financial institution have an average maturity of Nil day (2020: 2 days).

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 10 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

As at the date of statement of financial position, there is 1 (2020: nil) forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to RM238,666,800 (2020: RMnil). The forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial period were for hedging against the currency exposure arising from the investment in the foreign securities denominated in United States Dollar and Australia Dollar. As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial period, the change in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contract is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

(a)	RM class units in circulation		
		No. of units	No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	845,661,000	772,565,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	451,337,246	63,444,194
	Creation of units arising from distribution during the financial period	20,578,754	11,990,806
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(62,684,000)	(61,299,000)
	At the end of the financial period	1,254,893,000	786,701,000
(b)	AUD class units in circulation	2021 No. of units	2020 No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	421,000	306,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	7,241,000	189,000
	Creation of units arising from distribution during the financial period	33,071	-
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(2,927,071)	
	At the end of the financial period	4,768,000	495,000
			<b></b> _

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

## 11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (CONTINUED)

(c)	EUR class units in circulation		
(0)		2021 No. of units	No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	167,000	1,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	568,064	-
	Creation of units arising from distribution during the financial period	2,936	-
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(99,000)	-
	At the end of the financial period	639,000	1,000
(d)	GBP class units in circulation	2021 No. of units	2020 No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	45,000	11,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	1,237,000	46,000
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(193,000)	(18,000)
	At the end of the financial period	1,089,000	39,000

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

## 11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (CONTINUED)

(e)	RMB class units in circulation		
(0)	This diass arms in organization	2021 No. of units	No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	169,000	641,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	91,910,000	-
	Creation of units arising from distribution during the financial period	14,002	-
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(124,002)	-
	At the end of the financial period	91,969,000	641,000
(f)	SGD class units in circulation	2021 No. of units	2020 No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	128,000	92,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	6,123,000	-
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(2,008,000)	(90,000)
	At the end of the financial period	4,243,000	2,000
(g)	USD class units in circulation	2021 No. of units	2020 No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	1,052,000	467,000
	Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period Creation of units arising from distribution	7,172,587	1,429,000
	during the financial period	28,413	-
	Cancellation of units during the financial period	(2,013,000)	(157,000)
	At the end of the financial period	6,240,000	1,739,000

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 12 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

(i) Detail of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the 6 months financial period ended 28 February 2021 is as follows:

Name of brokers	value of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
Robert W. Baird & Co. CLSA Ltd (Hong Kong) Jpmorgan Securities (Asia Pacific) China International Capital	183,647,259 106,091,146 94,186,787	10.75 6.21 5.51	33,899 277,839 281,334	0.83 6.79 6.88
Corporation Hong Kong Securities Ltd Cimb Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd. Haitong International Securities Co Ltd Sanford C. Bernstein And Co., Llc Clsa Ltd India Jefferies Llc. Morgan Stanley And Co. International	93,214,510 84,203,820 81,160,346 79,082,861 62,194,201 61,437,406	5.46 4.93 4.75 4.63 3.64 3.60	240,723 245,713 249,733 170,325 144,482 9,626	5.89 6.01 6.11 4.17 3.53 0.24
Plc, London Branch Others	52,961,467 810,166,554	3.10 47.42	162,963 2,272,740	3.99 55.56
-	1,708,346,357	100.00	4,089,377	100.00

(ii) Detail of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the 6 months financial period ended 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Name of brokers	value of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
CLSA Ltd (Hong Kong) Macquarie Bank Ltd (Hong Kong) Robert W. Baird & Co. JP Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Ltd Deutsche Bank (Malaysia) Bhd Masterlink Securities Co. Ltd CLSA Singapore Pte Ltd Sanford C. Bernstein And Co., Llc CLSA Securities Korea Ltd Others	165,240,438 135,983,642 126,144,873 91,720,240 62,224,229 60,847,327 59,399,424 44,274,810 44,039,179 40,148,450 308,754,996	14.51 11.94 11.08 8.05 5.46 5.34 5.22 3.89 3.87 3.53 27.11	246,838 227,217 34,339 344,982 181,943 - 258,926 70,140 62,961 98,799 714,292 - 2,240,437	11.02 10.14 1.53 15.40 8.12 - 11.56 3.13 2.81 4.41 31.88

Included in transactions with brokers are trades with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd, a company related to the Manager amounting to RM100,649 (2020: RM10,240,360). The Manager is of theopinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related parties of and their relationship with the Fund are as follows:

Related parties	Relationships
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	The Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Penultimate holding company of 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
Director of Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Director of the Manager

The units held by the Manager as at the end of the financial period are as follows:

	2021		2020	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
The Manager:				
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (The units are held for booking purpose)				
- RM class	6,032,330	5,038,239	1,136,633	708,463
- AUD class	2,921	6,960	2,524	4,348
- EUR class	2,936	11,199	1,000	2,777
- GBP class	3,014	12,904	2,440	7,502
- RMB class	2,568	1,248	1,735	607
- SGD class	2,838	6,988	2,000	3,537
- USD class	3,364	11,212	2,440	7,502
Parties related to the Manager				
Director of Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (The units are beneficially)				
- RM Class	3,053,360	2,550,185	1,596,942	995,374

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### 14 MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO ("MER")

6 months financial period ended 28.2.2021 % 29.2.2020 %

MER

MER is derived from the following calculation:

MER =  $(A + B + C + D + E) \times 100$ 

A = Management fee, excluding management fee rebates

B = Trustee fees

C = Auditors' remuneration

D = Tax agent's fee

E = Other expenses, excluding sales and service tax on transaction costs and withholding tax

F = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM858,786,836 (2020: RM481,670,394).

#### 15 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

PTR (times)

6 months financial financial period ended 28.2.2021 29.2.2020

0.96 1.16

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

where: total acquisition for the financial period = RM1,024,697,175 (2020: RM531,166,923) total disposal for the financial period = RM620,522,314 (2020: RM582,453,120)

#### 16 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

The worsening macro-economic outlook as a result of Covid-19, both domestically and globally, may result in the deterioration of the Fund's Net Asset Value/unit in future periods.

The Manager is monitoring the situation closely and will be actively managing the portfolio to achieve the Fund's objective.

#### STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, 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 my opinion as the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 44 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 28 February 2021 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial period ended 28 February 2021 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
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TENG CHEE WAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

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