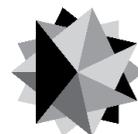


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Annual Report
28 February 2022

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FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Fixed Income (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide income through investments in fixed income instruments
Duration of the Fund	Five (5) years close-ended Fund
Termination Date	24 December 2024
Benchmark	5-years Malayan Banking Berhad fixed deposit rate as at Investment Date
Distribution Policy	Depending on the level of income the Fund generates, the Fund will provide distribution on an annual basis

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 28 Feb 2022 (%)	As at 28 Feb 2021 (%)
Portfolio composition		
Unquoted fixed income securities – local	20.36	16.47
Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	72.67	79.84
Total unquoted fixed income securities	93.03	96.31
Cash & cash equivalent	6.97	3.69
Total	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	139.983	160.668
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.9209	1.0458
Unit in Circulation (million)	152.011	153.638
Highest NAV	1.0654	1.0761
Lowest NAV	0.9097	0.9305
Return of the Fund (%) ⁱⁱⁱ	-7.91	9.08
- Capital Growth (%) ⁱ	-11.94	4.58
- Income Distribution (%) ⁱⁱ	4.58	4.30
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	4.437	4.437
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	4.437	4.437
Management Expense Ratio (%) ¹	0.28	0.33
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times)	0.04	0.93

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

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

An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

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

¹The MER of the Fund was lower than previous year due to lower expenses incurred for the Fund during the financial year.

²The Fund recorded a lower PTR as the Manager had reduced its trading activities during the financial year.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Income Distribution / Unit Split

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

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
23-Dec-21	24-Dec-21	1.0123	0.0437	0.9686

No unit split were declared for the financial year ended 28 February 2022.

Performance Review (1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022)

For the period 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022, the Fund registered a return of -7.91%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund as at 28 February 2022 was RM0.9209 while the NAV as at 28 February 2021 was RM1.0458. The Benchmark for the period registered a return of 3.35%. The Fund underperformed the Benchmark by 11.26%. The fund declared a gross income distribution of RM0.04437 per unit for the period.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 0.45% compared to the benchmark return of 7.47%, underperforming by 7.02%.

Fund Performance

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	1 Year (1/3/21 - 28/2/22)	Since Commencement (24/12/19 - 28/2/22)
Fund	(7.91%)	0.45%
Benchmark	3.35%	7.47%
Outperformance	(11.26%)	(7.02%)

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/3/21 - 28/2/22)	Since Commencement (24/12/19 - 28/2/22)
Fund	(7.91%)	0.21%
Benchmark	3.35%	3.35%
Outperformance	(11.26%)	(3.14%)

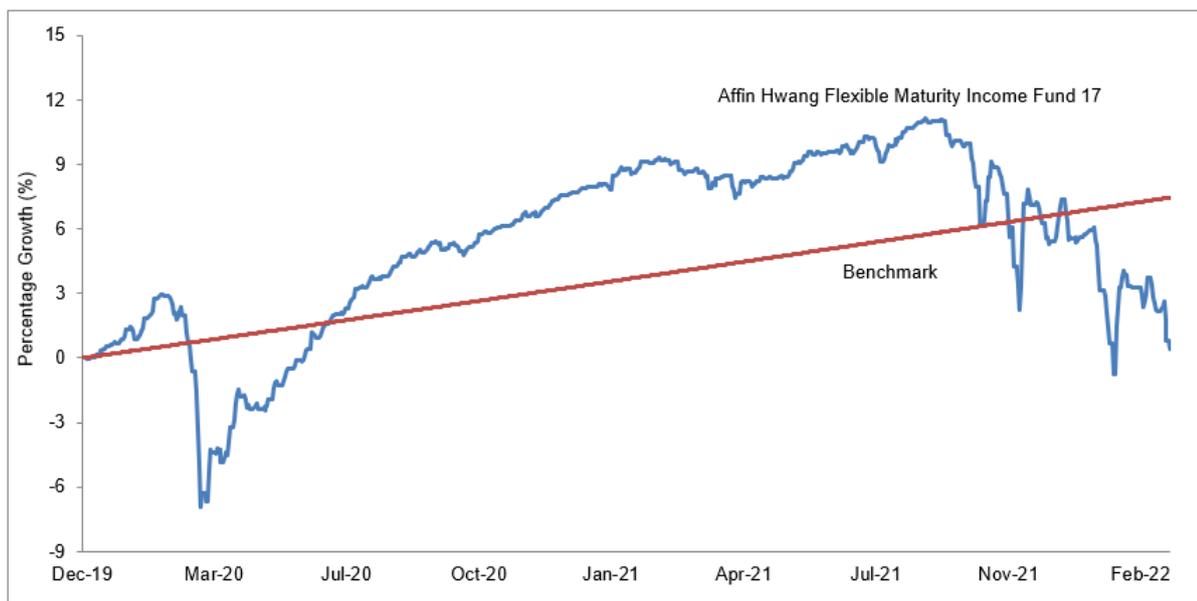
Source of Benchmark: Maybank

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2022 (1/3/21 - 28/2/22)	FYE 2021 (24/12/19 - 28/2/21)
Fund	(7.91%)	9.08%
Benchmark	3.35%	3.99%
Outperformance	(11.26%)	5.09%

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

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



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

Asset Allocation

As at 28 February 2022, the asset allocation of the Fund stood at 93.03% of the Fund's NAV in fixed income securities while the remaining was held in cash and cash equivalent.

Strategies Employed

Over the period under review, the Manager maintained a focus on high conviction credit names across both domestic and regional space. To date, the Fund's bond holdings have continued to meet their respective financial obligations in respect of their outstanding debt.

Market Review

Global equities started 2021 on a strong note buoyed by policy easing and optimism surrounding global vaccination rollouts. However, the global recovery grew at an uneven pace as developed markets posted stronger gains compared to emerging markets.

Developed markets have managed to administer the vaccine at a quicker pace which led to a corresponding increase in mobility. The S&P 500 index pierced new highs in the year underpinned by a strong earnings rebound as businesses clambered to meet renewed demand.

However, the rally was tested by surging bond yields in the 1Q'2021 as well as the spectre of inflation that would spook investors for the rest of the year. Inflation vaulted strongly from a low-base effect as supply chain disruptions associated with the pandemic led to a sharp increase in input prices.

Markets were soothed initially by dovish comments from the US Federal Reserve which pledged to keep monetary policy accommodative. Fed Chair Jerome Powell held the view that inflation was transitional and that supply-demand imbalances would begin to ease which would cool down inflation.

However with inflation proving stickier than expected, the Fed relented towards the end of year and pivoted towards a hawkish stance. At its policy meeting, the Fed signaled that it would start accelerating its tapering of bond purchases that would pave the way for 3 rate hikes in 2022.

Meanwhile in Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index ended the year down as the region reeled from the Delta variant that led to fresh lockdowns being imposed and a surge in hospitalization rates.

The region was also pulled down by weaker performance in China as authorities cast a wide regulatory dragnet which impacted a range of sectors including technology, education and e-commerce. This was part of a wider 'common prosperity' drive by Beijing to narrow the income gap and increase the political legitimacy of the Communist Party which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021.

On the domestic front, the local market mirrored regional losses with the benchmark KLCI closing lower in the year. A litany of concerns sent the stock market on a volatile path with fresh lockdowns, political instability as well as new taxes proposed under Budget 2022.

Political risks abated slightly with the appointment of Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob as the 9th Prime Minister after securing the majority support of 114 MPs. The appointment provided some clarity by resolving the political impasse following the resignation of Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who faced a turbulent tenure due to the mishandling of the pandemic as well as a rare royal rebuke.

Markets were also jolted when the government announced a one-off prosperity tax (Cukai Makmur) during the tabling of Budget 2022 for companies that earned super profits. This quelled the initial optimism from economic reopening as earnings forecasts are pared down.

However, the government made U-turns on other tax measures proposed under Budget 2022 including reinstating the exemption of all types of foreign incomes for individuals from tax as well as stamp duty cap. Markets were concerned that these initial measures would dampen sentiment and reduce market vibrancy as well as velocity of trading. However, the local market saw support on the back of easing policy headwinds as investors also price-in better growth prospects.

Coming into February 2022, the FBM 100 index fell 5.1%, buoyed by plantation and commodity-related names which got a boost from the spike in commodities prices over the month. Corporate earnings saw consumer and plantation names beating estimates. As a reopening play, consumer stocks are benefitting from pent-up demand while plantation stocks benefitted from high CPO prices.

Investment Outlook

2022 is set to be a year of transition for markets as investors contend with normalization of growth rates and monetary policy tightening. We expect to see a lot of crosswinds and periods of transition especially with regards to policy.

Market environment is challenging given rising rates, slowing growth and waning earnings expectations. The key indicators of policies, growth and earnings have not inflected. That said, the positives are that valuations have become less excessive and sentiments have turned bearish.

Russia-Ukraine tension is also weighing on sentiments. However, history suggest that the market impact from geopolitical events tend to be short. Moving forward, we expect markets to shift the focus back to tighter monetary conditions and slowing growth.

While a total lockdown caused by the Omicron variant is not a base-case for now, there will probably be need to make adjustments as we go along. However, developments of new medical treatments such as oral pills can help in the fight against COVID. This would lay the planks for a more sustainable reopening of the economy once we have a complete medical arsenal that is effective against all known variants. There could also be room for the Fed to adjust policy should Omicron turn out to be more destructive than what the market anticipates.

After a wide regulatory dragnet was casted in 2021 by the Chinese government specifically on targeted sectors including education, technology, and e-commerce, recent policy signals by Beijing suggested that the worst of tightening cycle is over. We see the focus of policymakers shifting from that of regulatory tightening to now supporting growth as its economy wanes.

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

In terms of sector opportunities, we see banks as positive, benefit from a rising interest rate cycle as well as improvement in asset quality. Valuations of the sector is also attractive with banking stocks trading at a discount to its book value. Though seeing a lot of pressure now due to ESG headwinds especially pertaining to the welfare of foreign workers, technology and exporters are another key segment that could see potential upside underpinned by strong earnings visibility driven by secular growth trends such as 5G, electric vehicles (EV) and solar energy.

Against a volatile backdrop, we are cautiously positioned for 2022. On inflection points, we see retreating inflation, a less hawkish Fed policy, and subside Russia-Ukraine tension as potential turnarounds for the market to improve.

State of Affairs of the Fund

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

Soft Commissions received from Brokers

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

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

During the financial year 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

Cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period and the Investment Committee of the Fund has reviewed that such transaction are in the best interest of the Fund, transacted in the normal course of business at agreed terms and on a fair value basis.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

We have acted as Trustee of Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 for the financial year ended 28 February 2022. To the best of our knowledge, **Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad**, the Manager, has managed the Fund in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company and the trustee under the Deed, other provisions of the Deed, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007, the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Product under the Lodge and Launch Framework and other applicable laws during the period then ended.

We have also ensured the following:

- (a) the procedures and processes employed by **Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad** to value and/or price the units of the Fund are adequate and that such valuation/pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deed of the Fund and other regulatory requirements; and
- (b) the creation and cancellation of units have been carried out in accordance with the Deed and relevant regulatory requirements.

During this financial year, a distribution of 4.437 sen per unit (net) has been distributed to unit holders of the Fund. We are of the view that the distribution is not inconsistent with the objective of the Fund.

For TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad
(Company No.: 610812-W)

NORHAYATI BINTI AZIT
DIRECTOR – FUND SERVICES

Kuala Lumpur
15 April 2022

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AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	<u>Note</u>	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
INVESTMENT (LOSS)/INCOME			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		57,054	200,275
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		7,512,864	8,742,656
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange		142,376	(32,857)
Net (loss)/gain on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss		(717,421)	2,199,181
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	(18,762,036)	3,256,218
		<u>(11,767,163)</u>	<u>14,365,473</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	(313,235)	(375,548)
Trustee fee	5	(62,647)	(75,110)
Fund accounting fee	6	(13,000)	(13,000)
Auditors' remuneration		(8,000)	(8,000)
Tax agent's fee		(3,500)	(3,500)
Other expenses		(40,391)	(43,427)
		<u>(440,773)</u>	<u>(518,585)</u>
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(12,207,936)	13,846,888
Taxation	8	(23,030)	-
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD		<u>(12,230,966)</u>	<u>13,846,888</u>

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Net (loss)/profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		7,973,248	10,646,947
Unrealised amount		(20,204,214)	3,199,941
		<u>(12,230,966)</u>	<u>13,846,888</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	8,488,624	4,143,883
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	130,228,313	154,744,575
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	11	1,389,968	2,103,885
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>140,106,905</u>	<u>160,992,343</u>
LIABILITIES			
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	11	30,300	282,091
Amount due to dealer		30,560	-
Amount due to Manager - management fee		21,928	24,589
Amount due to Trustee		4,386	4,918
Auditors' remuneration		8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee		3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals		2,463	1,275
Tax payable		2,443	-
Deferred tax	12	20,587	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>124,167</u>	<u>324,373</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>139,982,738</u>	<u>160,667,970</u>
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital		151,928,906	153,638,000
(Accumulated losses)/Retained earnings		(11,946,168)	7,029,970
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>139,982,738</u>	<u>160,667,970</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	13	<u>152,011,000</u>	<u>153,638,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.9209</u>	<u>1.0458</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	(Accumulated Losses)/ Retained <u>earnings</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 March 2021	153,638,000	7,029,970	160,667,970
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(12,230,966)	(12,230,966)
Distributions (Note 7)	-	(6,745,172)	(6,745,172)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Cancellation of units	(1,709,094)	-	(1,709,094)
Balance as at 28 February 2022	<u>151,928,906</u>	<u>(11,946,168)</u>	<u>139,982,738</u>
Balance as at 9 December 2019 (date of launch)	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	13,846,888	13,846,888
Distributions (Note 7)	-	(6,816,918)	(6,816,918)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	153,638,000	-	153,638,000
Balance as at 28 February 2021	<u>153,638,000</u>	<u>7,029,970</u>	<u>160,667,970</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	<u>Note</u>	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		9,582,508	68,413,548
Purchase of investments		(4,475,362)	(218,082,183)
Interest received		8,247,558	7,123,209
Management fee paid		(315,896)	(350,959)
Trustee fee paid		(63,179)	(70,192)
Fund accounting fee paid		(13,000)	(13,000)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(50,703)	(42,152)
Net realised (loss)/gain on forward foreign currency contract		(255,295)	377,387
Net realised gain on foreign exchange		83,510	157,861
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Net cash flows generated from/(used in) operating activities		12,740,141	(142,486,481)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units		-	153,638,000
Payments for cancellation of units		(1,709,094)	-
Payment for distribution		(6,745,172)	(6,816,918)
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Net cash flows (used in)/generated from financing activities		(8,454,266)	146,821,082
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NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		4,285,875	4,334,601
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		58,866	(190,718)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/ DATE OF LAUNCH		4,143,883	-
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD	10	8,488,624	4,143,883
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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

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

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the summary of significant accounting policies and comply with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, 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 revenue and expenses during the reported financial year/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 L.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

B INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income

Interest income from short-term deposits with licensed financial institutions and unquoted fixed income securities 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 unquoted fixed income securities, 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 cost adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium on investments.

C DISTRIBUTION

A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserve. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee of the Fund.

D 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 year/period.

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

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

E FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

F FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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 the statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

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

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

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

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

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash that represent SPPI.

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(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.

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 (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss' in the period which they arise.

Unquoted fixed income securities including money market instruments denominated in Ringgit Malaysia are revalued on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency ("BPA") registered with the Securities Commission ("SC") as per the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework. Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted fixed income securities differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

- (i) records its basis for using a non-BPA price;
- (ii) obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA price; and
- (iii) keeps an audit trail of all decisions and basis for adopting the market yield.

Unquoted fixed income securities including money market instruments denominated in foreign currencies are revalued at least twice a week by reference to the mid price quoted in Bloomberg using the Composite Bloomberg Bond Trader ("CBBT") which is a weighted average bid and ask of price contributions submitted by Bloomberg Dealers. However, if such quotations are not available, the fair value shall be determined by reference to the bid and offer prices quoted by independent and reputable financial institutions.

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

Quantitative criteria:

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

Qualitative criteria:

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

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

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

Write-off

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

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

H 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 changes in value.

I AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) DEALER

Amount due from and to dealer represent receivables for securities sold and payable 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 dealer balance is held for collection. Refer to Note G for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

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

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

J UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

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

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

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial year/period if a unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

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

K 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 re-measured at their fair value. Financial derivative positions will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative financial instrument 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.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

K DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Derivative instruments that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities as fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the date of the statement 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.

L CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgement 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 SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

M REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

The analysis of realised and unrealised profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Wholesale Fund was constituted under the name Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 28 November 2019 (the "Deed") entered into between Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund commenced operations on 9 December 2019 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 11.1 of the Deed or on maturity date of the Fund which falls on the fifth anniversary of the investment date or such earlier date in accordance with the provisions of the Deed or subject to the early maturity feature.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments, subject to the Deed, the Fund's objective, the Guidelines, the requirements of the SC and all relevant laws:

- (a) Debentures;
- (b) Money market instruments;
- (c) Deposits;
- (d) Derivatives;
- (e) Structured products; and
- (f) Any other form of investments permitted by the SC from time to time which is in line with the objective of the Fund.

All investments will be subjected to the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework, the Deed and the objective of the Fund.

The main objective of the Fund is to provide income through investments in fixed income instruments.

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

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 15 April 2022.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised cost RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total RM</u>
<u>2022</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	8,488,624	-	8,488,624
Unquoted fixed income securities	9	-	130,228,313	130,228,313
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	1,389,968	1,389,968
Total		<u>8,488,624</u>	<u>131,618,281</u>	<u>140,106,905</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due dealer		30,560	-	30,560
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		21,928	-	21,928
Amount due to Trustee		4,386	-	4,386
Auditors' remuneration		8,000	-	8,000
Tax agent's fee		3,500	-	3,500
Other payables and accruals		2,463	-	2,463
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	30,300	30,300
Total		<u>70,837</u>	<u>30,300</u>	<u>101,137</u>
<u>2021</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	4,143,883	-	4,143,883
Unquoted fixed income securities	9	-	154,744,575	154,744,575
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	2,103,885	2,103,885
Total		<u>4,143,883</u>	<u>156,848,460</u>	<u>160,992,343</u>

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

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2021 (continued)</u>				
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		24,589	-	24,589
Amount due to Trustee		4,918	-	4,918
Auditors' remuneration		8,000	-	8,000
Tax agent's fee		3,500	-	3,500
Other payables and accruals		1,275	-	1,275
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	282,091	282,091
Total		<u>42,282</u>	<u>282,091</u>	<u>324,373</u>

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 Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

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

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

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Unquoted investments		
Unquoted fixed income securities*	<u>130,228,313</u>	<u>154,744,575</u>

*Includes interest receivable of RM2,205,247 (2021: RM2,214,580)

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

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's (loss)/profit after taxation and net asset value ("NAV") to price risk movements. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 1% (2021: 5%) and decreased by 1% (2021: 5%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted securities.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on (loss)/ profit after <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2022</u>		
-1%	126,742,835	(1,280,231)
0%	128,023,066	-
+1%	129,303,297	1,280,231
<u>2021</u>		
-5%	144,903,495	(7,626,500)
0%	152,529,995	-
+5%	160,156,495	7,626,500

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

Market risk (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk

In general, when interest rates rise, prices of unquoted fixed income securities will tend to fall and vice versa. Therefore, the NAV of the Fund may also tend to fall when interest rates rise or are expected to rise. However, investors should be aware that should the Fund hold an unquoted fixed income security until maturity, such price fluctuations would dissipate as it approaches maturity, and thus the growth of the NAV shall not be affected at maturity. In order to mitigate interest rates exposure of the Fund, the Manager will manage the duration of the portfolio via shorter or longer tenured assets depending on the view of the future interest rate trend of the Manager, which is based on its continuous fundamental research and analysis.

This risk is crucial in an unquoted fixed income securities fund since unquoted fixed income securities portfolio management depends on forecasting interest rate movements. Prices of unquoted fixed income securities move inversely to interest rate movements, therefore as interest rates rise, the prices of unquoted fixed income securities decrease and vice versa. Furthermore, unquoted fixed income securities with longer maturity and lower yield coupon rates are more susceptible to interest rate movements.

Investors should note that unquoted fixed income securities and money market instruments are subject to interest rate fluctuations. Such investments may be subject to unanticipated rise in interest rates which may impair the ability of the issuers to make payments of interest income and principal, especially if the issuers are highly leveraged. An increase in interest rates may therefore increase the potential for default by an issuer.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's (loss)/profit after taxation and NAV to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities held by the Fund as a result of movement in interest rate. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate increased and decreased by 2% (200 basis points) (2021: 2%) with all other variables held constant.

<u>% Change in interest rate</u>	<u>Impact on (loss)/profit after tax/NAV</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
+ 2%	(567,353)	(255,394)
- 2%	105,875	256,153

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

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

Market risk (continued)

(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.

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

	Unquoted fixed income securities RM	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Australian Dollar	1,218,584	10,748	205,444	1,434,776
Euro	1,823,778	58,014	2,219	1,884,011
British Pound Sterling	2,254,229	90,875	132,246	2,477,350
Singapore Dollar	19,955,048	142,991	37,350	20,135,389
United States Dollar	76,477,531	1,087,340	3,527,638	81,092,509
	<u>101,729,170</u>	<u>1,389,968</u>	<u>3,904,897</u>	<u>107,024,035</u>
			Forward foreign currency contracts RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
United States Dollar			30,300	30,300
			<u>30,300</u>	<u>30,300</u>

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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>Unquoted fixed income securities</u> RM	<u>Forward foreign currency contracts</u> RM	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2021</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Australian Dollar	3,296,421	-	1,190	3,297,611
Euro	3,991,480	-	45,155	4,036,635
British Pound Sterling	2,401,209	-	3,322	2,404,531
Singapore Dollar	21,644,286	180,763	1,144,535	22,969,584
United States Dollar	96,946,396	1,923,122	1,435,148	100,304,666
	<u>128,279,792</u>	<u>2,103,885</u>	<u>2,629,350</u>	<u>133,013,027</u>
			<u>Forward foreign currency contracts</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Australian Dollar			54,019	54,019
Euro			139,587	139,587
British Pound Sterling			87,734	87,734
United States Dollar			751	751
			<u>282,091</u>	<u>282,091</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (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 (loss)/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 based on each currency's respective historical volatility, with all other variables remain constant. 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 each currency's respective historical volatility. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

	Change in price %	Impact on (loss)/ profit after tax/NAV RM
<u>2022</u>		
Australian Dollar	+/-7.21	+/- 103,447
Euro	+/-4.67	+/- 87,983
British Pound Sterling	+/-5.81	+/- 143,934
Singapore Dollar	+/-2.73	+/- 549,696
United States Dollar	+/-3.12	+/- 2,529,141
<u>2021</u>		
Australian Dollar	+/-14.52	+/- 470,882
Euro	+/-9.62	+/- 375,034
British Pound Sterling	+/-12.93	+/- 299,560
Singapore Dollar	+/-5.65	+/- 1,297,895
United States Dollar	+/-7.59	+/- 7,612,248

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

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

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

Credit risk (continued)

For unquoted fixed income securities, the Manager regularly reviews the rating assigned to the issuer so that necessary steps can be taken if the rating falls below those described in the Deed and SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units' receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund:

	Unquoted fixed income <u>securities</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
Basic Materials				
- Baa2	6,875,358	-	-	6,875,358
- Baa3	1,713,403	-	-	1,713,403
Consumer Discretionary				
- Baa3	5,545,641	-	-	5,545,641
- Ba2	3,184,420	-	-	3,184,420
Financial Services				
- AAA	-	8,488,624	803,178	9,291,802
- AA1	-	-	287,307	287,307
- AA3	-	-	299,483	299,483
- A3	12,608,258	-	-	12,608,258
- Baa1	2,620,410	-	-	2,620,410
- Baa2	2,140,388	-	-	2,140,388
- Baa3	6,521,869	-	-	6,521,869
- BBB+	864,795	-	-	864,795
- BBB	9,741,884	-	-	9,741,884
- BBB-	5,395,384	-	-	5,395,384
- Ba1	1,823,778	-	-	1,823,778
- Ba2	9,726,317	-	-	9,726,317
- BB	799,886	-	-	799,886
Industrials				
- AA3	10,195,533	-	-	10,195,533
- A	5,189,801	-	-	5,189,801
- BBB	6,055,607	-	-	6,055,607
- NR	7,780,055	-	-	7,780,055
Real Estate				
- Baa1	1,707,869	-	-	1,707,869
- Baa2	2,139,928	-	-	2,139,928
- Baa3	4,177,880	-	-	4,177,880
- BBB-	4,926,385	-	-	4,926,385

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

Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund: (continued)

	Unquoted fixed income securities RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Total RM
<u>2022</u> (continued)				
Real Estate (continued)				
- BB-	5,331,633	-	-	5,331,633
- B2	5,307,600	-	-	5,307,600
- B-	2,240,807	-	-	2,240,807
- Caa3	1,856,327	-	-	1,856,327
- NR	2,102,415	-	-	2,102,415
Technology				
- Baa2	1,654,682	-	-	1,654,682
	<u>130,228,313</u>	<u>8,488,624</u>	<u>1,389,968</u>	<u>140,106,905</u>
<u>2021</u>				
Basic Materials				
- Baa2	6,776,163	-	-	6,776,163
- Baa3	1,647,190	-	-	1,647,190
Consumer Goods				
- Baa3	5,442,286	-	-	5,442,286
- BBB-	4,661,733	-	-	4,661,733
Financial Services				
- AAA	-	4,143,883	1,076,305	5,220,188
- AA2	-	-	348,091	348,091
- AA3	-	-	552,887	552,887
- A3	10,610,533	-	-	10,610,533
- Baa1	5,988,719	-	-	5,988,719
- Baa2	2,103,772	-	-	2,103,772
- Baa3	12,913,419	-	-	12,913,419
- BBB	4,956,584	-	-	4,956,584
- BBB-	23,027,335	-	-	23,027,335
- Ba1	7,216,080	-	-	7,216,080
- Ba2	8,718,144	-	-	8,718,144
- BB-	6,652,242	-	-	6,652,242
- B1	12,348,526	-	-	12,348,526
- B2	6,398,709	-	-	6,398,709
- NR	517,066	-	126,602	643,668

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

Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund: (continued)

	Unquoted fixed income <u>securities</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2021 (continued)</u>				
Industrials				
- A1	10,132,533	-	-	10,132,533
- A	5,204,651	-	-	5,204,651
- BBB	3,387,209	-	-	3,387,209
- BBB-	5,023,574	-	-	5,023,574
- Baa1	1,689,480	-	-	1,689,480
- NR	7,746,016	-	-	7,746,016
Real Estate				
- NR	1,582,611	-	-	1,582,611
	<u>154,744,575</u>	<u>4,143,883</u>	<u>2,103,885</u>	<u>160,992,343</u>

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 institution 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.

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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>Within one month</u> RM	<u>Between one month to one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>			
Amount due to dealer	30,560	-	30,560
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	21,928	-	21,928
Amount due to Trustee	4,386	-	4,386
Auditors' remuneration	-	8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee	-	3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals	-	2,463	2,463
Forward foreign currency contracts	-	30,300	30,300
	<u>56,874</u>	<u>44,263</u>	<u>101,137</u>
<u>2021</u>			
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	24,589	-	24,589
Amount due to Trustee	4,918	-	4,918
Auditors' remuneration	-	8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee	-	3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals	-	1,275	1,275
Forward foreign currency contracts	87,734	194,357	282,091
	<u>117,241</u>	<u>207,132</u>	<u>324,373</u>

Capital risk

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

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

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

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

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

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

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

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

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

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

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- unquoted fixed income securities	-	130,228,313	-	130,228,313
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	1,389,968	-	1,389,968
	<u>-</u>	<u>131,618,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,618,281</u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	30,300	-	30,300
	<u>-</u>	<u>30,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,300</u>
<u>2021</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- unquoted fixed income securities	-	154,744,575	-	154,744,575
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,103,885	-	2,103,885
	<u>-</u>	<u>156,848,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,848,460</u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	282,091	-	282,091
	<u>-</u>	<u>282,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,091</u>

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 unquoted fixed income securities and 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.

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

- (ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents and all current liabilities except for forward foreign currency contracts are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 3.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 28 February 2022, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 0.20% (2021: 0.20%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Information Memorandum.

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 Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, exclusive of foreign custodian fees and charges.

For the financial year ended 28 February 2022, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (2021: 0.04%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, exclusive of foreign custodian fees and charges, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Information Memorandum.

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

6 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

The fund valuation and accounting fee for the Fund is RM13,000 (2021:RM13,000) per annum.

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7 DISTRIBUTIONS

	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Distribution to unitholders is from the following sources:		
Interest income	3,139,801	5,811,651
Net realised gain on sale of investments	-	1,286,425
Previous year's realised income	3,706,950	-
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Gross realised income	6,846,751	7,098,076
Less: Expenses	(101,579)	(281,158)
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Net distribution amount	<u>6,745,172</u>	<u>6,816,918</u>

During the financial year ended 28 February 2022, distributions were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	<u>Gross/Net distribution per unit</u> (sen)
24.12.2021	4.4370
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During the financial period from 9 December 2019 (date of launch) to 28 February 2021, distributions were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	<u>Gross/Net distribution per unit</u> (sen)
15.12.2020	4.4370
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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 distributions for the financial year is an amount of RM3,706,950 (2021:RMNil) made from previous year's realised income.

The Fund has incurred an unrealised loss of RM20,204,214 (2021:RMNil) for the financial year ended 28 February 2022.

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8 TAXATION

	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Current taxation	2,443	-
Deferred tax (Note 12)	20,587	-
	<u>23,030</u>	<u>-</u>

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

	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Net (loss)/profit before taxation	<u>(12,207,936)</u>	<u>13,846,888</u>
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2021: 24%)	(2,929,905)	3,323,253
Tax effects of:		
Investment loss disallowed from tax/ (Investment income not subject to tax)	2,824,119	(3,447,714)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	28,330	31,929
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Wholesale Funds	77,456	92,532
Foreign income subject to tax	2,443	-
Deferred tax arising from taxable temporary differences	20,587	-
Tax expense	<u>23,030</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- unquoted fixed income securities – local	28,499,143	26,464,783
- unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	101,729,170	128,279,792
	<u>130,228,313</u>	<u>154,744,575</u>
	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised gain on sale of investments	384,549	1,286,425
- unrealised (loss)/gain on changes in fair value	(19,146,585)	1,969,793
	<u>(18,762,036)</u>	<u>3,256,218</u>

(a) Unquoted fixed income securities – local

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 28 February 2022 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
6.5% Eco World Capital Services Bhd 12.08.2022 (NR)	500,000	504,333	505,551	0.36
4.6% Lafarge Cement Sdn Bhd 13.01.2023 (AA3)	10,000,000	10,060,263	10,195,533	7.28
5.05% MBSB Bank Bhd Call: 20.12.2024 (A3)	10,000,000	10,592,691	10,493,833	7.50
5.25% MBSB Bank Bhd Call: 21.12.2026 (A3)	2,000,000	2,106,358	2,114,425	1.51

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

(a) Unquoted fixed income securities – local (continued)

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 28 February 2022 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
5.8% WCT Holdings Bhd Call: 27.09.2024 (A)	5,000,000	5,164,343	5,189,801	3.71
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local	<u>27,500,000</u>	28,427,988	<u>28,499,143</u>	<u>20.36</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>71,155</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>28,499,143</u>		

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 28 February 2021 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
6.5% Eco World Capital Assets Bhd 12.08.2022 (NR)	500,000	510,701	517,066	0.32
4.6% Lafarge Cement Sdn Bhd 13.01.2023 (A1)	10,000,000	10,061,941	10,132,533	6.31
5.05% MBSB Bank Bhd Call: 20.12.2024 (A3)	10,000,000	10,644,994	10,610,533	6.60

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

(a) Unquoted fixed income securities – local (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 28 February 2021 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
5.8% WCT Holdings Bhd Call: 27.09.2024 (A)	5,000,000	5,164,399	5,204,651	3.24
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local	<u>25,500,000</u>	<u>26,382,035</u>	<u>26,464,783</u>	<u>16.47</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – local		82,748		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>26,464,783</u>		

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 28 February 2022 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
3% AAC Technologies Holdings Inc Call: 27.11.2022 (Baa2)	1,678,800	1,703,588	1,654,682	1.18
6.5% Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Co Call: 05.09.2023 (BBB-)	5,036,400	5,468,127	5,395,384	3.85
4.375% Banco Santander SA Call: 14.01.2026 (Ba1)	1,876,720	1,841,566	1,823,778	1.30
6.125% Barclays PLC Call: 15.12.2025 (Ba2)	1,259,100	1,272,981	1,327,508	0.95
3.875% Bluestar Finance Holdings Ltd Call: 24.06.2023 (Baa3)	1,678,800	1,714,461	1,713,403	1.22
3.75% China Resources Land Ltd Call: 09.12.2024 (Baa2)	2,098,500	2,067,890	2,139,928	1.53
6.45% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd Call: 07.11.2022 (BB-)	4,197,000	4,250,718	3,515,932	2.51
6.55% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd Call: 28.03.2022 (BB-)	2,098,500	2,146,795	1,815,701	1.30

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

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 28 February 2022 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
3.375% CNAC HK Finbridge Co Ltd 19.06.2024 (Baa2)	6,715,200	6,559,618	6,875,358	4.91
6.5% Country Garden Holdings Co Ltd Call: 08.04.2022 (BBB-)	5,875,800	6,260,767	4,926,385	3.52
5.625% Credit Suisse Group AG Call: 06.06.2024 (Ba2)	3,088,300	3,114,914	3,146,049	2.25
5% Dah Sing Bank Ltd Call: 15.01.2024 (Baa1)	2,518,200	2,575,551	2,620,410	1.87
4.3% Dianjian Haiyu Ltd Call: 20.06.2024 (BBB)	3,357,600	3,356,330	3,471,693	2.48
4.875% DNB Bank ASA Call: 12.11.2024 (Baa3)	2,518,200	2,519,850	2,561,917	1.83
4.125% Ford Motor Credit Co LLC 20.06.2024 (Baa2)	3,088,300	3,070,152	3,184,420	2.28
4% Franshion Brilliant Ltd Call: 03.01.2023 (Baa3)	4,197,000	4,125,818	4,177,880	2.98
4.98% Frasers Property Treasury Pte Call: 11.04.2024 (NR)	1,544,150	1,565,847	1,596,864	1.13
4% Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd Call: 09.12.2024 (Baa3)	5,456,100	5,399,600	5,545,641	3.96
4.25% Huarong Finance 2019 Co Ltd Call: 30.09.2025 (BB)	839,400	735,560	799,886	0.57
5.75% Julius Baer Group Ltd Call: 20.04.2022 (Baa3)	3,860,375	4,022,978	3,959,952	2.83
3.8% Nanyang Commercial Bank Ltd Call: 20.11.2024 (Baa2)	2,098,500	2,079,717	2,140,388	1.53
4.75% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 04.06.2026 (BBB+)	839,400	890,003	864,795	0.62
5.625% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 29.01.2025 (BBB)	3,357,600	3,360,958	3,454,068	2.47
5.75% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 26.04.2028 (BBB)	2,242,560	2,442,783	2,254,229	1.61
6.95% Powerlong Real Estate Call: 30.03.2022 (B2)	6,295,500	6,390,786	3,762,418	2.69
4.75% Scentre Group Trust 2 Call: 24.06.2026 (Baa1)	1,678,800	1,688,277	1,707,869	1.22
5.2% Shimao Group Holdings Ltd Call: 16.03.2022 (B-)	6,295,500	6,508,531	1,966,574	1.41

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

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 28 February 2022 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u> (continued)				
6.125% Shimao Group Holdings Ltd Call: 07.03.2022 (B-)	839,400	868,745	274,233	0.20
4.875% Societe Generale SA Call: 12.09.2024 (Ba2)	1,208,800	1,156,036	1,218,584	0.87
6.125% Societe Generale SA Call: 16.04.2024 (Ba2)	3,860,375	3,982,309	4,034,176	2.88
6.75% Times China Holdings Ltd Call: 16.07.2022 (B2)	3,357,600	3,341,422	1,545,182	1.10
5.875% UBS Grp Funding Switzerland AG Call: 28.11.2023 (BBB)	3,860,375	4,050,857	4,033,587	2.88
3.75% Weichai Int HK Energy Grp Co Call: 14.09.2022 (BBB)	2,518,200	2,511,601	2,583,914	1.85
7.85% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 05.10.2022 (NR)	2,098,500	2,150,695	2,227,424	1.59
8.1% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 29.03.2024 (NR)	5,036,400	5,094,470	5,552,631	3.97
8.375% Yuzhou Group Holdings Co Ltd Call: 30.10.2022 (Caa3)	8,394,000	8,686,816	1,856,327	1.33
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	116,963,955	118,977,117	101,729,170	72.67
Accumulated unrealised loss on unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		(17,247,947)		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		101,729,170		

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

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 28 February 2021 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
3% AAC Technologies Holdings Inc Call: 27.11.2022 (Baa1)	1,619,000	1,686,885	1,689,480	1.05
6.5% Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Co Call: 05.09.2023 (BBB-)	4,857,000	5,468,578	5,407,191	3.37
4.375% Banco Santander SA Call: 14.01.2026 (Ba1)	3,934,080	3,684,906	3,991,480	2.48
6.125% Barclays PLC Call: 15.12.2025 (Ba2)	1,214,250	1,272,401	1,357,326	0.84
3.875% Bluestar Finance Holdings Ltd Call: 24.06.2023 (Baa3)	1,619,000	1,716,496	1,647,190	1.03
3.75% China Resources Land Ltd Call: 09.12.2024 (Baa2)	2,023,750	2,069,456	2,103,772	1.31
6.45% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd Call: 07.11.2022 (BB-)	4,047,500	4,261,794	4,435,351	2.76
6.55% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd Call: 28.03.2022 (BB-)	2,023,750	2,162,304	2,216,891	1.38
3.375% CNAC HK Finbridge Co Ltd 19.06.2024 (Baa2)	6,476,000	6,585,466	6,776,163	4.22
6.5% Country Garden Holdings Co Ltd Call: 08.04.2022 (BBB-)	5,666,500	6,395,987	6,246,293	3.89
5.625% Credit Suisse Group AG Call: 06.06.2024 (Ba1)	3,051,000	3,138,003	3,224,600	2.01
5% Dah Sing Bank Ltd Call: 15.01.2024 (Baa1)	2,428,500	2,589,112	2,623,238	1.63
4.3% Dianjian Haiyu Ltd Call: 20.06.2024 (BBB)	3,238,000	3,376,497	3,387,209	2.11
4.875% DNB Bank ASA Call: 12.11.2024 (Baa3)	2,428,500	2,521,349	2,595,971	1.62
4.125% Ford Motor Credit Co LLC 20.06.2024 (BBB-)	4,576,500	4,606,260	4,661,733	2.90
4% Franshion Brilliant Ltd Call: 03.01.2023 (Baa3)	4,047,500	4,124,870	4,116,083	2.56
4.98% Frasers Property Treasury Pte Call: 11.04.2024 (NR)	1,525,500	1,576,326	1,582,611	0.98

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

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 28 February 2021 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u> (continued)				
4% Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd Call: 09.12.2024 (Baa3)	5,261,750	5,398,379	5,442,286	3.39
4.5% Huarong Finance 2017 Co Call: 24.01.2022 (Baa1)	1,619,000	1,688,185	1,653,040	1.03
5.75% Julius Baer Group Ltd Call: 20.04.2022 (Baa3)	3,813,750	4,024,260	4,043,317	2.52
3.8% Nanyang Commercial Bank Ltd Call: 20.11.2024 (Baa3)	2,023,750	2,080,541	2,158,048	1.34
4.75% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 04.06.2026 (BBB)	809,500	889,305	888,956	0.55
5.625% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 29.01.2025 (BBB-)	2,428,500	2,509,220	2,588,857	1.61
5.75% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 26.04.2028 (BBB-)	2,258,040	2,445,766	2,401,209	1.49
6.95% Powerlong Real Estate Call: 23.07.2021 (B2)	6,071,250	6,465,997	6,398,709	3.98
4.75% Scentre Group Trust 2 Call: 24.06.2026 (Baa1)	1,619,000	1,687,038	1,712,441	1.07
5.2% Shimao Group Holdings Limited Call: 30.01.2022 (BBB-)	6,071,250	6,593,582	6,383,785	3.97
4.875% Societe Generale SA Call: 12.09.2024 (Ba2)	3,172,400	2,894,270	3,296,421	2.05
6.125% Societe Generale SA Call: 16.04.2024 (Ba2)	3,813,750	4,019,053	4,064,397	2.53
6.75% Times China Holdings Ltd Call: 16.07.2022 (B1)	3,238,000	3,370,989	3,408,009	2.12
5.875% UBS Grp Funding Switzerland AG Call: 28.11.2023 (BBB)	3,813,750	4,053,194	4,067,628	2.53
3.75% Weichai Int HK Energy Grp Co Call: 14.09.2022 (BBB-)	4,857,000	5,020,769	5,023,574	3.13
7.85% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 05.10.2022 (NR)	2,023,750	2,148,749	2,210,008	1.38
8.1% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 29.03.2024 (NR)	4,857,000	5,093,951	5,536,008	3.45

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

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 28 February 2021 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u> (continued)				
8.375% Yuzhou Properties Co Ltd Call: 30.10.2022 (B1)	8,095,000	8,772,809	8,940,517	5.56
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	<u>120,622,770</u>	<u>126,392,747</u>	<u>128,279,792</u>	<u>79.84</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>1,887,045</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>128,279,792</u>		

10 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Cash and bank balances	3,942,279	2,678,559
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	4,546,345	1,465,324
	<u>8,488,624</u>	<u>4,143,883</u>

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

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

The deposit with a licensed financial institution has an average maturity of 1 day (2021: 1 day).

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11 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

As at the date of statement of financial position, there are 15 (2021: 18) forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to RM115,145,004 (2021: RM131,288,034). The forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial year/period were for hedging against the currency exposure arising from the investment in the foreign unquoted fixed income securities denominated in Australian Dollar, Euro, British Pound Sterling, Singapore Dollar and United States Dollar. As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial year/period, the changes in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contracts are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

12 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Deferred tax liabilities	20,587	-

The deferred tax balances comprise temporary differences attributable to:

	2022 RM	2021 RM
<u>Deferred tax liabilities</u>		
Foreign interest receivables on financial assets at FVTPL	20,587	-
Deferred tax liabilities	20,587	-

Movement of deferred tax liabilities is as follows:

	Foreign interest receivables on financial assets at FVTPL RM	Total RM
At 1.3.2021	-	-
Recognised in profit or loss	20,587	-
At 28.2.2022	20,587	-
At 9.12.2019 (date of launch)	-	-
Recognised in profit or loss	-	-
At 28.2.2021	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

13 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial year/date of launch	153,638,000	-
Cancellation of units	<u>(1,627,000)</u>	<u>153,638,000</u>
At the end of the financial year/period	<u><u>152,011,000</u></u>	<u><u>153,638,000</u></u>

14 TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS

- (i) Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for the financial year ended 28 February 2022 are as follows:

<u>Name of dealers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %
Citibank Bhd	4,123,442	33.28
BNP Paribas Securities	2,616,736	21.12
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd	2,087,200	16.85
Nomura Singapore Ltd#	1,841,079	14.86
Mizuho Securities Asia Ltd	872,616	7.04
MarketAxess Holdings Inc #	847,883	6.85
	<u><u>12,388,956</u></u>	<u><u>100.00</u></u>

- (ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for the financial period from 9 December 2019 (date of launch) to 28 February 2021 are as follows:

<u>Name of dealers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %
RHB Investment Bank Bhd#	38,447,656	13.96
Standard Chartered Bank Bhd	32,179,330	11.68
MarketAxess Holdings Inc#	26,693,640	9.69
HSBC Banking Corporation Bhd	26,115,052	9.48
JP Morgan Securities PLC	22,687,768	8.24
Citigroup Global Markets	21,804,917	7.92
Nomura Singapore Ltd#	18,089,426	6.57
Barclays Bank PLC	15,220,800	5.53

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

14 TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS (CONTINUED)

- (ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for the financial period from 9 December 2019 (date of launch) to 28 February 2021 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of dealers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %
Mizuho Securities Asia Ltd	11,073,194	4.02
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd * #	10,566,000	3.83
Others	52,558,019	19.08
	<u>275,435,802</u>	<u>100.00</u>

* Included in transactions with brokers are trades with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad, a company related to the Manager amounting to RMNil (2021: RM10,566,000). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

Included in the transactions with dealers are cross trades conducted between the Fund and other funds; and private mandates managed by the Manager amounting to:

<u>Name of dealers</u>	<u>Financial year ended</u> <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	<u>Financial period from</u> 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	-	10,566,000
MarketAxess Holdings Inc	847,883	26,693,640
Nomura Singapore Ltd	-	852,036
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	-	38,447,657
	<u>847,883</u>	<u>76,559,333</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

14 TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS (CONTINUED)

The cross trades are conducted between the Fund and other funds; and private mandates managed by the Manager as follows:

	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> RM	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> RM
Affin Hwang ASEAN Flexi Fund	-	515,695
Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 9	-	852,036
Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 10	-	12,325,962
Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 11	-	889,785
Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 13	847,883	-
Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund	-	36,172,000
Affin Hwang Select Income Fund	-	25,803,855
	<u>847,883</u>	<u>76,559,333</u>

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

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

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

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

The number of units held by the Manager as at the end of the financial year/period as follows:

	2022		2021	
The Manager:	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)	9,714	8,946	9,263	9,687
<u>Subsidiary and associated companies of the penultimate holding company of the Manager:</u>				
ABB Nominee (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (The units are held beneficially)	9,354,706	8,614,491	-	-

16 MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO (“MER”)

	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u> %	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u> %
MER	0.28	0.33

MER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A	=	Management fee
B	=	Trustee fee
C	=	Fund accounting fee
D	=	Auditors' remuneration
E	=	Tax agent's fee
F	=	Other expenses
G	=	Average NAV of Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year/period calculated on a daily basis is RM156,616,541 (2021:RM154,027,782).

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17 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	Financial year ended <u>28.2.2022</u>	Financial period from 9.12.2019 (date of launch) to <u>28.2.2021</u>
PTR (times)	<u>0.04</u>	<u>0.93</u>

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

where: total acquisition for the financial year/period = RM4,475,362 (2021: RM218,082,183)
total disposal for the financial year/period = RM9,197,959 (2021: RM68,413,548)

18 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The worsening macro-economic environment as a result of Covid-19, both domestically and globally, has resulted in the deterioration of the Fund's Net Asset Value/unit as of the date of this report. This is mainly due to the decrease in the fair value of the Fund's investments at fair value through profit or loss.

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

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 43 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 28 February 2022 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial year ended 28 February 2022 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur
15 April 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 28 February 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year ended 28 February 2022 in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 28 February 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 1 to 42.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17 (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

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

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF
AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17 (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF
AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17 (CONTINUED)

OTHER MATTERS

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

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