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# Affin Hwang World Series – **Global Quantum** Fund

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## Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 30 April 2023

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## **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	Affin Hwang World Series – Global Quantum Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Feeder (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period.
Benchmark	MSCI AC World Small Cap Index
Distribution Policy	The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever is appropriate.

## FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category		As at 30 Apr 2023 (%)						30 Ap	s at r 2022 %)			
Portfolio composition Collective investment scheme Cash and cash equivalent Total		98.99 1.01 <b>100.00</b>					1.	.38 62 <b>).00</b>				
Currency class	USD Class	AUD Class	GBP Class	MYR Class	MYR Hedged- Class	SGD Class	USD Class	AUD Class	GBP Class	MYR Class	MYR Hedged- Class	SGD Class
Total NAV (million)	1.219	0.352	0.149	17.552	19.447	0.707	3.119	0.370	0.192	22.412	24.021	1.178
NAV per Unit (in respective currencies)	0.5025	0.6092	0.5811	0.5750	0.4870	0.5230	0.5443	0.6121	0.6060	0.6071	0.5325	0.5734
Unit in Circulation (million)	2.427	0.578	0.256	30.525	39.928	1.351	5.731	0.604	0.317	36.914	45.110	2.054
Highest NAV	0.5443	0.6203	0.6310	0.6145	0.5325	0.5734	0.8191	0.9066	0.8512	0.8775	0.7974	0.8490
Lowest NAV	0.4199	0.5262	0.5181	0.5047	0.4118	0.4581	0.5357	0.6034	0.5961	0.5984	0.5242	0.5634
Return of the Fund (%)	-7.68	-0.47	-4.11	-5.29	-8.54	-8.79	-24.46	-17.85	-16.03	-19.55	-23.63	-21.21
- Capital Growth (%)	-7.68	-0.47	-4.11	-5.29	-8.54	-8.79	-24.46	-17.85	-16.03	-19.55	-23.63	-21.21
- Income Distribution (%)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expense Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup>				98						93		
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) <sup>2</sup>			0.	18					0.	38		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The TER of the Fund was higher due to a lower average net asset value for the financial year. <sup>2</sup>The PTR of the Fund was lower due to lower trading activities of the Fund over the financial year.

Category	As at 30 Apr 2021 (%)						
Portfolio composition Collective investment scheme Cash and cash equivalent		97.72 2.28					
Total			100	).00			
Currency class	USD Class	AUD Class	GBP Class	MYR Class	MYR Hedged- Class	SGD Class	
Total NAV (million)	8.486	1.054	0.086	18.440	48.456	1.773	
NAV per Unit (in respective currencies)	0.7205	0.7451	0.7217	0.7546	0.6973	0.7278	
Unit in Circulation (million)	11.779	1.414	0.119	24.437	69.491	2.436	
Highest NAV	0.7285	0.7559	0.7337	0.7674	0.7049	0.7370	
Lowest NAV	0.4340	0.5454	0.4879	0.4800	0.4186	0.4690	
Return of the Fund (%)	60.72	35.10	43.88	52.75	61.30	51.09	
- Capital Growth (%)	60.72	35.10	43.88	52.75	61.30	51.09	
- Income Distribution (%)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Total Expense Ratio (%)		1.95					
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times)		·		69			

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

## MANAGER'S REPORT

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

No income distributions or unit splits were declared for the financial year ended 30 April 2023.

#### **Performance Review**

#### USD Class

For the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, the Fund registered a -7.68% return compared to the benchmark return of -3.49%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 4.19%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 was USD0.5025 while the NAV as at 30 April 2022 was USD0.5443.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 0.50% compared to the benchmark return of 15.68%, underperforming by 15.18%.

## Table 1: Performance of the Fund

				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/5/22 -	(1/5/20 -	(1/5/18 -	(8/2/18 -
	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)
Fund	(7.68%)	12.09%	(2.03%)	0.50%
Benchmark	(3.49%)	37.20%	14.19%	15.68%
Outperformance	(4.19%)	(25.11%)	(16.22%)	(15.18%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	3 Years (1/5/20 - 30/4/23)	5 Years (1/5/18 - 30/4/23)	Since Commencement (8/2/18 - 30/4/23)
Fund	(7.68%)	3.88%	(0.41%)	0.10%
Benchmark	(3.49%)	11.12%	2.69%	2.83%
Outperformance	(4.19%)	(7.24%)	(3.10%)	(2.73%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

### Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (8/2/18 - 30/4/19)
Fund	(7.68%)	(24.46%)	60.72%	(14.05%)	4.32%
Benchmark	(3.49%)	(13.37%)	64.11%	(16.00%)	0.38%
Outperformance	(4.19%)	(11.09%)	(3.39%)	1.95%	3.94%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

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



#### AUD Class

For the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, the Fund registered a -0.47% return compared to the benchmark return of 3.32%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 3.79%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 was AUD0.6092 while the NAV as at 30 April 2022 was AUD0.6121.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 21.84% compared to the benchmark return of 36.86%, underperforming by 15.02%.

	1 Year (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	3 Years (1/5/20 - 30/4/23)	5 Years (1/5/18 - 30/4/23)	Since Commencement (8/2/18 - 30/4/23)
Fund	(0.47%)	10.46%	11.25%	21.84%
Benchmark	3.32%	35.27%	30.24%	36.86%
Outperformance	(3.79%)	(24.81%)	(18.99%)	(15.02%)

#### Table 1: Performance of the Fund

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

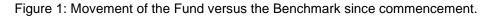
#### Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	3 Years (1/5/20 - 30/4/23)	5 Years (1/5/18 - 30/4/23)	Since Commencement (8/2/18 - 30/4/23)
Fund	(0.47%)	3.37%	2.15%	3.85%
Benchmark	3.32%	10.60%	5.42%	6.19%
Outperformance	(3.79%)	(7.23%)	(3.27%)	(2.34%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (8/2/18 - 30/4/19)
Fund	(0.47%)	(17.85%)	35.10%	(7.31%)	19.00%
Benchmark	3.32%	(5.71%)	38.84%	(9.22%)	11.44%
Outperformance	(3.79%)	(12.14%)	(3.74%)	1.91%	7.56%





#### **GBP Class**

For the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, the Fund registered a -4.11% return compared to the benchmark return of -3.46%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 0.65%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 was GBP0.5811 while the NAV as at 30 April 2022 was GBP0.6060.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 16.22% compared to the benchmark return of 27.64%, underperforming by 11.42%.

	1 Year (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	3 Years (1/5/20 - 30/4/23)	5 Years (1/5/18 - 30/4/23)	Since Commencement (8/2/18 - 30/4/23)
Fund	(4.11%)	15.85%	11.41%	16.22%
Benchmark	(3.46%)	37.28%	24.99%	27.64%
Outperformance	(0.65%)	(21.43%)	(13.58%)	(11.42%)

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 2: Average Total Return

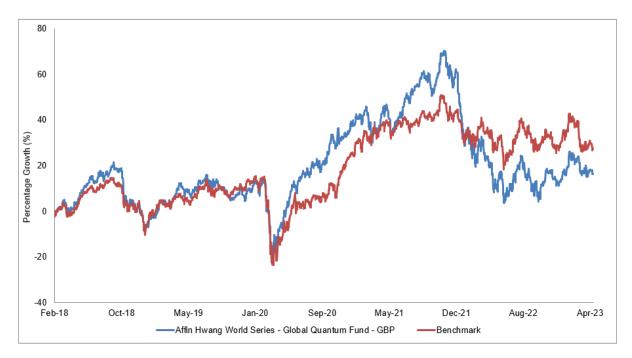
	1 Year (1/5/22 -	3 Years (1/5/20 -	5 Years (1/5/18 -	Since Commencement (8/2/18 -
Fund	<u>30/4/23)</u> (4.11%)	<u>30/4/23)</u> 5.03%	<u>30/4/23)</u> 2.18%	<u> </u>
Benchmark	(3.46%)	11.14%	4.56%	4.78%
Outperformance	(0.65%)	(6.11%)	(2.38%)	(1.86%)

Table 3: Annual Total Return						
	FYE 2023 (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (8/2/18 - 30/4/19)	
Fund	(4.11%)	(16.03%)	43.88%	(10.59%)	12.20%	
Benchmark	(3.46%)	(4.75%)	49.30%	(12.93%)	6.79%	
Outperformance	(0.65%)	(11.28%)	(5.42%)	2.34%	5.41%	

Table 3: Annual Total Return

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

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



#### MYR Class

For the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, the Fund registered a -5.29% return compared to the benchmark return of -0.63%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 4.66%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 was MYR0.5750 while the NAV as at 30 April 2022 was MYR0.6071.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 15.00% compared to the benchmark return of 32.12%, underperforming by 17.12%.

	1 Year (1/5/22 -	3 Years (1/5/20 -	5 Years (1/5/18 -	Since Commencement (8/2/18 -
	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)
Fund	(5.29%)	16.40%	11.52%	15.00%
Benchmark	(0.63%)	42.40%	29.90%	32.12%
Outperformance	(4.66%)	(26.00%)	(18.38%)	(17.12%)

## Table 2: Average Total Return

				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/5/22 -	(1/5/20 -	(1/5/18 -	(8/2/18 -
	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)
Fund	(5.29%)	5.19%	2.20%	2.71%
Benchmark	(0.63%)	12.51%	5.37%	5.47%
Outperformance	(4.66%)	(7.32%)	(3.17%)	(2.76%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (8/2/18 - 30/4/19)
Fund	(5.29%)	(19.55%)	52.75%	(10.60%)	10.52%
Benchmark	(0.63%)	(8.21%)	56.12%	(12.72%)	6.31%
Outperformance	(4.66%)	(11.34%)	(3.37%)	2.12%	4.21%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

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



#### **MYR Hedged-Class**

For the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, the Fund registered a -8.54% return compared to the benchmark return of -0.63%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 7.91%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 was MYR0.4870 while the NAV as at 30 April 2022 was MYR0.5325.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of -2.60% compared to the benchmark return of 28.17%, underperforming by 30.77%.

	1 Year (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	3 Years (1/5/20 - 30/4/23)	5 Years (1/5/18 - 30/4/23)	Since Commencement (19/4/18 - 30/4/23)
Fund	(8.54%)	12.65%	(1.38%)	(2.60%)
Benchmark	(0.63%)	42.40%	29.90%	28.17%
Outperformance	(7.91%)	(29.75%)	(31.28%)	(30.77%)

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

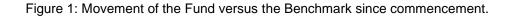
#### Table 2: Average Total Return

				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/5/22 -	(1/5/20 -	(1/5/18 -	(19/4/18 -
	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)
Fund	(8.54%)	4.05%	(0.28%)	(0.52%)
Benchmark	(0.63%)	12.51%	5.37%	5.05%
Outperformance	(7.91%)	(8.46%)	(5.65%)	(5.57%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (19/4/18 - 30/4/19)
Fund	(8.54%)	(23.63%)	61.30%	(14.57%)	1.20%
Benchmark	(0.63%)	(8.21%)	56.12%	(12.72%)	3.13%
Outperformance	(7.91%)	(15.42%)	5.18%	(1.85%)	(1.93%)





#### SGD Class

For the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023, the Fund registered a -8.79% return compared to the benchmark return of -6.87%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 1.92%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 was SGD0.5230 while the NAV as at 30 April 2022 was SGD0.5734.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 4.60% compared to the benchmark return of 16.49%, underperforming by 11.89%.

				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/5/22 -	(1/5/20 -	(1/5/18 -	(8/2/18 -
	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)
Fund	(8.79%)	8.57%	0.91%	4.60%
Benchmark	(6.87%)	29.78%	15.04%	16.49%
Outperformance	(1.92%)	(21.21%)	(14.13%)	(11.89%)

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 2: Average Total Return

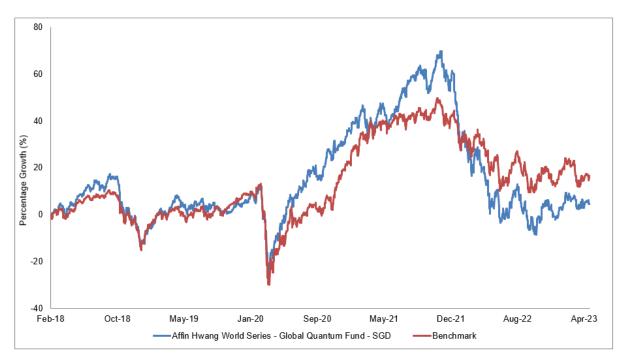
				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/5/22 -	(1/5/20 -	(1/5/18 -	(8/2/18 -
	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)	30/4/23)
Fund	(8.79%)	2.78%	0.18%	0.86%
Benchmark	(6.87%)	9.08%	2.84%	2.96%
Outperformance	(1.92%)	(6.30%)	(2.66%)	(2.10%)

#### Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/5/22 - 30/4/23)	FYE 2022 (1/5/21 - 30/4/22)	FYE 2021 (1/5/20 - 30/4/21)	FYE 2020 (1/5/19 - 30/4/20)	FYE 2019 (8/2/18 - 30/4/19)
Fund	(8.79%)	(21.21%)	51.09%	(10.93%)	8.16%
Benchmark	(6.87%)	(9.99%)	54.84%	(12.94%)	3.10%
Outperformance	(1.92%)	(11.22%)	(3.75%)	2.01%	5.06%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

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**

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

As at 30 April 2023, the asset allocation of the Fund's exposure to the collective investment scheme stood at 98.99% of the Fund's NAV, while the balance was held in cash and cash equivalent.

#### **Strategies Employed**

The Fund maintained highly invested in the Target Fund as at the end of the financial year and maintains it's objective of achieving capital appreciation over medium to long term period

#### Market Review

The period under review witnessed market fluctuations and economic developments driven by various global and domestic factors. The performance of global markets during the reviewed period exhibited mixed results. The Standard & Poor's 500 ("S&P 500") returned 2.64%, while the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") AC World Index registered a slightly higher return of 3.77%. However, the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index experienced a decline of -5.63%, indicating regional challenges. The Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE") Bursa Malaysia also faced a decline of -7.71%. In the bond markets, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index declined by -2.31%, while local bond markets experienced slight gains, with the benchmark 10-year MGS yield closing at 3.84%.

The financial year began with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell affirming the central bank's hawkish pivot towards taming inflation. The May 2022 Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting resulted in a 50 basis points rate hike, and subsequently throughout the next 12 months, the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") raised policy rates to the current level of 5%. The sharp pace of tightening raised concerns in financial markets, as over-tightening could potentially lead to a growth slowdown. The People's Bank of China ("PBoC") however, implemented a sharper-than-expected 15 basis points reduction in its prime rate for 5-year loans. This move is aimed to cushion the impact of a slowdown and stimulate growth in China's property sector, which plays a significant role in its economy.

Global equities were volatile in the first quarter of 2023 as turmoil in the banking sector jolted markets. The fallout of Silicon Valley Bank had an impact on United States ("US") equities as concerns about contagion spread throughout Wall Street. The commercial bank, known for providing loans primarily to start-up and technology companies, faced a severe cash shortage as it was forced to realize losses in its bond securities. Similarly, San Francisco-based First Republic, like many other regional lenders, found itself in a tight spot due to the Fed's decision to raise interest rates in its fight against inflation. Consequently, the value of the bonds held by the bank, purchased at lower interest rates, suffered. As fears about the well-being of First Republic grew, depositors began seeking alternative options as fears spread about First Republic's health. Concerns about the U.S debt ceiling also weighed on sentiments as failing to reach an agreement on raising or suspending the ceiling would result in severe spending cuts by the government.

The MSCI AC World Index over the 12 months period, financials were weak amid turmoil in the banking sector mentioned earlier. While energy was the largest contributor to the index over the reviewed period, declining oil prices over the past 3 months affected negatively on the returns of the index.

Throughout the year, the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index experienced weakness primarily due to volatility in China. A growing wave of mortgage boycotts by homebuyers and concerns related to COVID-19 flare-ups spooked investors. Investors became cautious about the potential impact of the increase in COVID-19 infections on economic growth and corporate earnings. Lockdowns, travel restrictions, and supply chain disruptions weighed on business activities, affecting market performance across multiple sectors. Tensions between the United States and China also played a significant role in shaping the market dynamics. Throughout the year, diplomatic and trade tensions between the two countries were rekindled, leading to uncertainties and market jitters. Escalating disputes and the possibility of further restrictions or tariffs on trade created a challenging environment for businesses operating in the region and the resulting uncertainty impacted investor confidence and contributed to the weakness observed in index.

Taiwan and Korea, two export-driven economies heavily reliant on technology sectors, faced specific challenges during the review period. With the global economy slowdown, demand for technological components and devices waned, affecting the performance of these countries' export-oriented industries. Reduced demand, coupled with supply chain disruptions and uncertainties in the global market, led to a decline in economic activities and negatively impacted the performance of the regional index.

The bond market over the period was influenced by a combination of factors including central bank actions, inflation concerns and currency movements. Bond yields showed mixed movements during this period. Towards the end of 2022, government bond yields edged up due to market disappointment at the hawkish tone from central banks, despite evidence of slowing economic growth. However, in 2023, yields fluctuated initially pricing in rate hikes and later discounting rate curs due to concerns over the banking crisis.

On the domestic front, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") raised the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") by 25 basis points to 2.00% during its Monetary Policy Committee meeting in May 2022. By the end of the financial

period under review, the OPR reached 2.75%. The central bank cited that the global economy persists to be weighed down by elevated cost pressures and higher interest rates. While headline inflation moderated slightly, core inflation remained elevated. BNM emphasized the nature of rate adjustments remains accommodative and supportive of economic growth.

The year under review also witnessed the appointment of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Malaysia's 10th Prime Minister. In his budget speech in February 2023, Prime Minister cum Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim emphasized fiscal discipline and outlined measures to reduce the country's fiscal deficit to 5.00% of Gross Domestic Product ("GDP"). These measures included to achieve this goal includes the introduction of new tax measures, such as a luxury goods tax, excise duties on nicotine-containing products, and higher dividends from national major Petronas, amounting to RM 40 billion.

#### Investment Outlook

Global equity markets remain susceptible to shifting sentiment towards geopolitical tensions, inflation, economic growth and ultimately corporate earnings. Valuations have already significantly adjusted to reflect a change in the market environment, and we believe reflect realistic expectations for inflation, rates and risk premia. Consequently, the source of risk has now shifted from valuation to earnings in light of the softer growth and prospects for a recession, which appears increasingly likely.

The Chinese equities as well as credit market took a breather in February after strong rally in the past months. Market sentiment was dampened by the re-intensifying geopolitical tensions between US-China which arose from the balloon controversies and the plan to expand US troops in Taiwan for military training. On the other hand, macro and economic front continued to deliver encouraging data. Consumption continued to recover as at the end of the reviewed period. Signs of the rebound were evident over the Chinese New Year holiday, and domestic tourism recorded the strongest visitor and revenue levels since the pandemic. Manufacturing activity also picked up. China's official manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") rose to 49.2 in April 2023 from a year ago. The general positive tone on economic recovery and consumption stimulus remains, alongside with the announcement of the new cabinet and securing of President Xi's third term.

In contrast to the expected slowdown in the developed market economy, Malaysia's economic fundamentals continues to remain strong. The government unveiled its revised budget, focusing on sustainable economic growth, institutional reforms and reducing social inequality. The benchmark Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("KLCI") edged 2.11% lower as market reaction to Budget 2023 was neutral. Our view is that newly tabled budget is a pragmatic one that should restore confidence and shore up support in the long run. The absence of any prosperity tax is a huge relief to the market that should augur well for corporate earnings.

Bond investors may see some relief this year after enduring a painful 2022 which saw rates volatility reaching unprecedented highs. Volatility in rates is expected to temper down as we see a slower pace of adjustment in rates. In addition, a slower growth outlook is beneficial for rates. On local fixed income, credit rating agencies are likely to maintain the sovereign ratings of Malaysia bonds. Local demand for bonds is still healthy and is expected to be anchored by real money investors. Rates volatility will be driven by external development.

#### 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 year under review.

#### Soft Commissions received from Brokers

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, no soft commission was received by the management company on behalf of the Fund.

#### Cross Trade

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

#### **Securities Financing Transactions**

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial year under review.

#### Changes Made to The Fund's Information Memorandum

There were no changes made to the Fund's Information Memorandum during the financial year under review.

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL QUANTUM FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as the Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 April 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

- 1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Management Company under the Deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework;
- 2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deeds; and
- 3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

For and on behalf of **CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad** 

Datin Ezreen Eliza binti Zulkiplee Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 26 June 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
INVESTMENT LOSS			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost Net (loss)/ gain on foreign currency exchange Net loss on forward foreign currency		338 (2,835)	1,234 21,920
contracts at fair value through profit or loss Net loss on financial assets at fair value	9	(191,790)	(419,132)
through profit or loss	8	(903,158)	(3,877,492)
		(1,097,445)	(4,273,470)
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other expenses	4 5 6	(219,702) (4,882) (10,725) (1,841) (805) (3,266) (241,221)	(394,963) (8,787) (9,642) (1,949) (854) (8,280) (424,475)
NET LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(1,338,666)	(4,697,945)
Taxation	7	-	-
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		(1,338,666)	(4,697,945)
Decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders comprise the following:			
Realised amount Unrealised amount		(1,260,999) (77,667)	2,658,578 (7,356,523)
		(1,338,666)	(4,697,945)

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager		233,359	459,678
<ul> <li>creation of units</li> <li>management fee rebate receivable</li> <li>Financial assets at fair value through</li> </ul>		1,111 7,889	1,703 11,667
profit or loss	8	10,355,053	14,901,404
TOTAL ASSETS		10,597,412	15,374,452
LIABILITIES			
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss Amount due to broker Amount due to Manager	9	109,931 -	173,562 4,977
<ul> <li>management fee</li> <li>cancellation of units</li> <li>Amount due to Trustee</li> <li>Fund accounting fee</li> </ul>		15,983 5,945 355 823	23,845 20,679 530
Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payable and accruals		1,841 805 1,215	1,949 854 1,249
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)		136,898	227,645
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		10,460,514	15,146,807
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		10,460,514	15,146,807

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

	Note	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS			
- AUD Class - GBP Class - MYR Class - MYR-Hedged Class - SGD Class - USD Class		231,737 185,266 3,935,427 4,360,268 528,365 1,219,451	264,721 240,885 5,149,840 5,519,559 852,421 3,119,381
		10,460,514	15,146,807
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION			
- AUD Class - GBP Class - MYR Class - MYR-Hedged Class - SGD Class - USD Class	10 (a) 10 (b) 10 (c) 10 (d) 10 (e) 10 (f)	578,000 256,000 30,525,000 39,928,000 1,351,000 2,427,000 75,065,000	604,000 317,000 36,914,000 45,110,000 2,054,000 5,731,000 90,730,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)			
- AUD Class - GBP Class - MYR Class - MYR-Hedged Class - SGD Class - USD Class		0.4009 0.7237 0.1289 0.1092 0.3911 0.5025	0.4383 0.7599 0.1395 0.1224 0.4150 0.5443
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
- AUD Class - GBP Class - MYR Class - MYR-Hedged Class - SGD Class - USD Class		AUD0.6092 GBP0.5811 RM0.5750 RM0.4870 SGD0.5230 USD0.5025	GBP0.6060 RM0.6071 RM0.5325

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

2023 2022 USD USD NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 15,146,807 27,136,704 Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year: Creation of units arising from applications 677,222 13,309,918 - AUD Class 513,319 - GBP Class 5,618 207,737 - MYR Class 172,189 5,067,712 - MYR-Hedged Class 479.706 5,831,976 - SGD Class 3,858 415,320 - USD Class 15,851 1,273,854 Cancellation of units (4,024,849) (20,601,870) - AUD Class (1,019,344)(9,823) - GBP Class (44, 512)- MYR Class (971, 835)(2,705,735)- MYR-Hedged Class (1,044,540) (10,236,105) - SGD Class (266, 936)(655, 310)- USD Class (1,687,203)(5,985,376)Decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial year (1,338,666)(4,697,945)- AUD Class (49, 521)(23, 161)- GBP Class (16, 725)(86, 555)- MYR Class (414,767)(1,725,101)- MYR-Hedged Class (594, 457)(1,935,411)- SGD Class (60.978)(245, 804)- USD Class (228.578) (655, 553)NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 10,460,514 15,146,807

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Interest received Management fee rebate received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Fund accounting fee Payment for other fees and expenses Net realised (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchange Net realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts	3,534,448 (4,977) 338 112,523 (227,564) (5,057) (9,902) (6,103) (24,274) (255,421)	(6,330,000) 1,234 199,987 (411,148) (9,147) - (20,404) 22,492
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	3,114,011	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from creation of units	677,814	13,526,132
Payments for cancellation of units		(20,869,243)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(3,361,769)	(7,343,111)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(247,758)	(533,064)
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE	21,439	(572)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR	459,678	993,314
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	233,359	459,678

Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 April 2023 and 30 April 2022 comprise of bank balances.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

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 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

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

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

- (a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are 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.

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 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current' (effective 1 January 2024) clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or noncurrent, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the entity's expectations or events after the reporting date (e.g. the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant). In addition, the amendments clarify that when a liability could be settled by the transfer of an entity's own equity instruments (e.g. a conversion option in a convertible bond), conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument in MFRS 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' does not impact the current or non-current classification of the convertible instrument.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

The amendments also specify that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the reporting date would affect classification of a liability as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date.

The adoption of the above amendments to standards 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 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 collective investment schemes ("CIS"), realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

#### C 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.

#### D 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 United States Dollar ("USD"), which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### E FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATIONS

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

#### F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### (i) Classification

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

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

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

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payments of 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.

Investment in CIS have contractual cash flows that do not represent SPPI, and therefore are classified as financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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

The Fund classifies amount due to broker, amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, payables for fund accounting fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category including the effects of foreign transactions are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the period which they arise.

Investment in CIS are valued at the last published net asset value ("NAV") per unit at the date of the statement of financial position.

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

#### (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 and lifetime 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.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

(iii) Impairment (continued)

#### Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

Quantitative criteria:

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

Qualitative criteria:

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

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

#### G CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### H AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKER

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

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

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

#### I CREATION AND CANCELLATION OF UNITS

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

The Fund issues cancellable units, in six classes of units, known respectively as the AUD Class, GBP Class, MYR Class, MYR-Hedged Class, SGD Class and USD Class, which are cancelled at the unitholders' option and do not have identical features. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the unitholder exercises the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

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

#### J 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 position will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative financial instruments are recognised in profit or loss when settled or at the date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative financial instrument. Derivative instruments that have a positive fair value and negative fair value are presented as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, respectively.

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

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### J DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

#### K INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

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

## 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.

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

#### Functional currency

Due to mixed factors in determining the functional currency of the Fund, the Manager has used its judgment to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions and have determined the functional currency to be in USD primarily due to the following factors:

- i) The Fund's sole investment is in a collective investment scheme denominated in USD.
- ii) Significant portion of the Fund's cash denominated in USD for the purpose of making settlement of foreign trades and expenses.
- iii) Significant portion of the Fund's expenses are denominated in USD.

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

The analysis of realised and unrealised amounts in increase or decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

#### 1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Wholesale Fund was constituted under the name Affin Hwang World Series - Global Quantum Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 4 January 2018 and First Supplemental Deed dated 20 March 2018 (the "Deeds") entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) (the "Manager") and CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee"). The Fund issued one new class of units in MYR-Hedged as amended by First Supplemental Deed dated 20 March 2018.

The Fund commenced operations on 18 January 2018 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Division 12.3 of the Deed.

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

- (a) Collective investment scheme;
- (b) Money market instruments;
- (c) Deposits;
- (d) Derivatives; and
- (e) Any other form of investments as may be determined by the Manager from time to time that is in line with the Fund's objective.

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

The main objective of the Fund is to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients. On 10 November 2022, the Manager has changed its name from Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 26 June 2023.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Financial instruments are as follows:

<u>2023</u>	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> USD	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager		233,359	-	233,359
- creation of units		1,111	-	1,111
- management fee rebate receivable		7,889	-	7,889
Collective investment scheme	8	-	10,355,053	10,355,053
Total		242,359	10,355,053	10,597,412
Financial liabilities				
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss Amount due to Manager	9	-	109,931	109,931
- management fee		15,983	-	15,983
- cancellation of units		5,945	-	5,945
Amount due to Trustee		355	-	355
Fund accounting fee		823	-	823
Auditors' remuneration		1,841	-	1,841
Tax agent's fee		805	-	805
Other payables and accruals		1,215		1,215
Total		26,967	109,931	136,898

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

<u>N</u>	<u>ote</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> USD	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager		459,678	-	459,678
- creation of units		1,703	-	1,703
<ul> <li>management fee rebate receivable</li> </ul>		11,667	-	11,667
Collective investment scheme	8	-	14,901,404	14,901,404
Total		473,048	14,901,404	15,374,452
Financial liabilities				
Forward foreign currency contracts				
at fair value through profit or loss	9	-	173,562	173,562
Amount due to broker		4,977	-	4,977
Amount due to Manager		22.045		22.045
<ul> <li>management fee</li> <li>cancellation of units</li> </ul>		23,845 20,679	-	23,845 20,679
Amount due to Trustee		20,079	-	20,079 530
Auditors' remuneration		1,949	-	1,949
Tax agent's fee		854	_	854
Other payables and accruals		1,249	-	1,249
Total		54,083	173,562	227,645

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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### 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>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	USD	USD
Quoted investment		
Collective investment scheme	10,355,053	14,901,404

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after taxation and NAV to price risk movements. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 15% (2022: 4%) and decreased by 15% (2022: 4%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> USD	Impact on loss after <u>tax//NAV</u> USD
<u>2023</u>		
-15% 0% +15%	8,801,795 10,355,053 11,908,311	(1,553,258) - 1,553,258
<u>2022</u>		
-4% 0% +4%	14,305,348 14,901,404 15,497,460	(596,056) - 596,056

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk

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

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

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

(c) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate in an unfavourable movement against United States Dollar, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus United States Dollar 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:

<u>2023</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> USD	Amount due from <u>Manager</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial assets			
Australian Dollar British Pound Sterling Malaysian Ringgit Singapore Dollar	2,073 8,221 7,911 2,704	- - 1,111 -	2,073 8,221 9,022 2,704
	20,909	1,111	22,020

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

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

<u>2023</u> (continued)	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> USD	Amount due to <u>Manager</u> USD	Other <u>liabilities*</u> USD	Net assets attributable to <u>unitholders</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial liabilities					
Australian Dollar British Pound Sterling Malaysian Ringgit Singapore Dollar	- 109,931 -	-	- - 4,684 -	231,737 185,266 8,295,695 528,365	231,737 185,266 8,410,310 528,365
-	109,931	-	4,684	9,241,063	9,355,678

\* Other liabilities consist of fund accounting fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and other payables and accruals.

<u>2022</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> USD	Amount due from <u>Manager</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial assets			
Australian Dollar British Pound Sterling Malaysian Ringgit Singapore Dollar	1,829 4,140 8,106 15,192	- - 1,703 -	1,829 4,140 9,809 15,192
	29,267	1,703	30,970

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

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

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

<u>2022</u> (continued)	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> USD	Amount due to <u>Manager</u> USD	Other <u>liabilities*</u> USD	Net assets attributable to <u>unitholders</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial liabilities					
Australian Dollar British Pound Sterling Malaysian Ringgit Singapore Dollar	- - 173,562 -	-	4,052	264,721 240,885 10,669,399 852,421	264,721 240,885 10,847,013 852,421
-	173,562	-	4,052	12,027,426	12,205,040

\* Other liabilities consist of fund accounting fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and other payables and accruals.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and NAV 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 constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unitholders by each currency's respective historical volatility.

Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative:

	Change in <u>rate</u> %	Impact on loss after <u>tax/NAV</u> USD
2023		
Australian Dollar	+/-14.14	-/+ 32,474
British Pound Sterling	+/-13.08	-/+23,157
Malaysian Ringgit	+/-5.65	-/+474,673
Singapore Dollar	+/-5.90	-/+31,014

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

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

Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative: (continued)

	Change in <u>rate</u> %	Impact on loss after <u>tax/NAV</u> USD
<u>2022</u>		
Australian Dollar British Pound Sterling Malaysian Ringgit Singapore Dollar	+/-9.43 +/-6.91 +/-3.35 +/-3.96	-/+ 24,791 -/+ 16,359 -/+ 364,046 -/+ 33,154

#### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or counterparty to make timely payments of interests, principals and proceeds from realisation of investments. The Manager manages 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.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of unit's 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 and counterparties of the Fund:

<u>2023</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> USD	Amount due from <u>Manager</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial services - AAA Others	233,359	-	233,359
- NR	-	9,000	9,000
	233,359	9,000	242,359

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Credit risk (continued)

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

<u>2022</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> USD	Amount due from <u>Manager</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial services - AAA Others	459,678	-	459,678
- NR -		13,370	13,370
	459,678	13,370	473,048

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payment and cancellations of unit by unitholders, liquid assets comprise bank balances 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.

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

<u>2023</u>	Within <u>one month</u> USD	Between one month <u>to one year</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Forward foreign currency contracts Amount due to Manager	108,220	1,711	109,931
- management fee	15,983	-	15,983
- cancellation of units	5,945	-	5,945
Amount due to Trustee	355	-	355
Fund accounting fee	823	-	823
Auditors' remuneration	-	1,841	1,841
Tax agent's fee	-	805	805
Other payables and accruals	-	1,215	1,215
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	10,460,514	-	10,460,514
	10,591,840	5,572	10,597,412

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Liquidity risk (continued)

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

<u>2022</u>	Within <u>one month</u> USD	Between one month <u>to one year</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Forward foreign currency contracts	44,575	128,987	173,562
Amount due to broker	4,977	-	4,977
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	23,845	-	23,845
- cancellation of units	20,679	-	20,679
Amount due to Trustee	530	-	530
Auditors' remuneration	-	1,949	1,949
Tax agent's fee	-	854	854
Other payables and accruals	-	1,249	1,249
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	15,146,807		15,146,807
	15,241,413	133,039	15,374,452

\* Outstanding units are redeemable by on demand at the unitholder's option (Note I). However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as unitholders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unitholders. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### **3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION**

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

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

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

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

#### (i) <u>Fair value hierarchy</u>

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.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

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

<u>2023</u>	Level 1 USD	<u>Level 2</u> USD	<u>Level 3</u> USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - collective investment scheme	10,355,053			10,355,053
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss - forward foreign currency contracts		109,931		109,931
2022				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - collective investment scheme	14,901,404			14,901,404
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss - forward foreign currency contracts	<u> </u>	173,562	<u> </u>	173,562

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

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

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

<sup>(</sup>i) <u>Fair value hierarchy</u> (continued)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 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 30 April 2023, management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.80% (2022: 1.80%) 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, excluding of foreign custodian fees and charges.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023, the Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (2022: 0.04%) 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 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 USD10,725 (2022: USD9,642) for the financial year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

7 TAXATION

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
Current taxation	-	-

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

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
Net loss before taxation	(1,338,666)	(4,697,945)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	(321,280)	(1,127,507)
Tax effects of: Investment loss not brought to tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deduction expenses for Wholesale Funds	289,486 4,674 27,120	1,071,751 6,557 49,199
Tax expense	-	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

## 8 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - collective investment scheme	10,355,053	14,901,404
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments - unrealised loss on changes in fair value - management fee rebate on collective investment scheme#	(849,166) (162,737) 108,745	3,092,405 (7,162,056) 192,159
	(903,158)	(3,877,492)

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

- (a) Collective investment scheme
  - (i) Collective investment scheme as at 30 April 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> USD	Fair <u>value</u> USD	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Aberdeen Standard SICAV II – Global Smaller Companies Fund				
(Class D)	947,415	12,526,127	10,355,053	98.99
Total collective investment scheme	947,415	12,526,127	10,355,053	98.99
Accumulated unrealised loss on collective investment scheme		(2,171,074)		
Total collective investment scheme		10,355,053 		

On 22 November 2022, the Target Fund moved the investment vehicle from Aberdeen Standard SICAV III - Global Smaller Companies Fund to Aberdeen Standard SICAV II – Global Smaller Companies Fund (Class D), a new sub-fund of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II, which is a separate Luxembourg-domiciled investment company.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

(a) Collective investment scheme (continued)

#### (ii) Collective investment scheme as at 30 April 2022 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> USD	Fair <u>value</u> USD	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Aberdeen Standard SICAV III – Global Smaller Companies Fund (Class D)	1,278,970	16,909,741	14,901,404	98.38
Total collective investment scheme	1,278,970	16,909,741	14,901,404	98.38
Accumulated unrealised loss on collective investment scheme		(2,008,337)		
Total collective investment scheme		14,901,404		

## (b) Target Fund's top 10 holdings

(i) The Target Fund's top 10 holdings as at 30 April 2023 are as follows:

	Percentage of <u>Target Fund's NAV</u> %
Axon Enterprise Inc	4.00
Asics Corp	3.90
Lattice Semiconductor Corp	3.70
Keywords Studios PLC	3.50
Insulet Corp	3.50
BJs Wholesale Club Holdings Inc	3.40
CTS Eventim AG & Co KGaA	3.30
Steadfast Group Ltd	3.30
Altair Engineering Inc	3.20
Paylocity Holding Corp	3.20
Total	35.00

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (b) Target Fund's top 10 holdings (continued)

(ii) The Target Fund's top 10 holdings as at 30 April 2022 are as follows:

	Percentage of <u>Target Fund's NAV</u> %
ALS Ltd	4.30
Paylocity Holding Corp	3.50
TechTarget Inc	3.40
Pool Corp	3.40
SiteOne Landscape Supply Inc	3.10
Axon Enterprise Inc	3.10
Perficient inc	3.10
JMDC Inc	3.10
Lattice Semiconductor Corp	2.80
Intermediate Capital Group PLC	2.80
Total	32.60

#### 9 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

As at the date of the statement of financial position, there are 7 (2022: 6) forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to USD4,481,793 (2022: USD5,693,389). The forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial year were for hedging against the currency exposure arising from the Hedged-class denominated in Malaysian Ringgit. As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial year, the change in the fair value of the forward foreign currency currency contract is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss: - forward foreign currency contracts	109,931	173,562
Net loss on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss - realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts - unrealised gain /(loss) on changes in fair value	(255,421) 63,631	(225,237) (193,895)
	(191,790)	(419,132)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 9 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)

#### (a) Forward foreign currency contracts

(i) Forward foreign currency contracts as at 30 April 2023 are as follows:

Name of issuer	<u>Receivables</u> USD	<u>Payables</u> USD	Fair <u>value</u> USD	Percentage of NAV %
CIMB Bank Bhd	545,521	552,370	(6,849)	(0.07)
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	859,709	860,167	(458)	-
JP Morgan Chase Bhd	2,864,589	2,965,960	(101,371)	(0.97)
United Overseas Bank Malaysia Bhd	102,043	103,296	(1,253)	(0.01)
Total forward foreign currency				
contracts	4,371,862	4,481,793	(109,931)	(1.05)

(ii) Forward foreign currency contracts as at 30 April 2022 are as follows:

Name of issuer	<u>Receivables</u> USD	<u>Payables</u> USD	Fair <u>value</u> USD	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
CIMB Bank Bhd Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd# Hong Leong Bank Bhd JP Morgan Chase Bank Bhd	1,132,485 722,398 1,446,699 2,218,245	1,177,060 741,759 1,495,499 2,279,071	(44,575) (19,361) (48,800) (60,826)	(0.29) (0.13) (0.33) (0.40)
Total forward foreign currency contracts	5,519,827	5,693,389	(173,562)	(1.15)

# The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the former holding company of the Manager have been entered in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

# 10 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

(a) AUD Class units in circulation

(a)		2023 No. of units	2022 No. of units
	At beginning of the financial year	604,000	1,414,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	-	825,000
	Cancellation of units	(26,000)	(1,635,000)
	At the end of the financial year	578,000	604,000
(b)	GBP Class units in circulation	2023 No. of units	2022 No. of units
	At beginning of the financial year	317,000	119,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	8,000	198,000
	Cancellation of units	(69,000)	-
	At the end of the financial year	256,000	317,000
(c)	MYR Class units in circulation	2023 No. of units	2022 No. of units
	At beginning of the financial year	36,914,000	24,437,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	1,347,000	26,517,000
	Cancellation of units	(7,736,000)	(14,040,000)
	At the end of the financial year	30,525,000	36,914,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

# 10 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (CONTINUED)

(d) MYR-Hedged Class units in circulation

(a)	MYR-Hedged Class units in circulation		
(4)		2023 No. of units	2022 No. of units
	At beginning of the financial year	45,110,000	69,491,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	4,426,000	34,220,000
	Cancellation of units	(9,608,000)	(58,601,000)
	At the end of the financial year	39,928,000	45,110,000
$(\mathbf{o})$	SGD Class units in circulation		
(e)	SGD Class units in circulation	2023	2022
		No. of units	No. of units
	At beginning of the financial year	2,054,000	2,436,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	10,000	723,000
	Cancellation of units	(713,000)	(1,105,000)
	At the end of the financial year	1,351,000	2,054,000
(1)	LICD Class units in singulation		
(f)	USD Class units in circulation	2023	2022
		No. of units	No. of units
	At beginning of the financial year	5,731,000	11,779,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	37,000	1,718,000
	Cancellation of units	(3,341,000)	(7,766,000)
	At the end of the financial year	2,427,000	5,731,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

# 11 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

(i) Details of transaction with brokers for the financial year ended 30 April 2023 are as follows:

		Percentage of total
Name of broker	Value of trade	trade
	USD	%
Standard Life Investments	782,553	22.14
Aberdeen Investments Luxembourg SA	2,751,896	77.86
	3,534,449	100.00

(ii) Details of transaction with broker for the financial year ended 30 April 2022 are as follows:

Name of broker	<u>Value of trade</u> USD	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %
Standard Life Investments	19,607,294	100.00

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

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

Related parties	Relationship
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P. ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI")	Former substantial shareholder of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Former holding company of the Manager
Starlight TopCo Limited	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Universe Limited	Intermediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager and former ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	Directors of the Manager

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

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

		2023		2022
The Manager	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
The Manager: AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) (the units are held legally for booking purposes) - AUD Class	3,203	1,284	2,292	1,005
- GBP Class - MYR Class - MYR-Hedged Class - SGD Class - USD Class	3,843 3,260 3,814 2,538 2,491	2,781 420 416 993 1,252	3,085 2,140 2,619 3,123 2,562	2,344 299 320 1,296 1,394
Subsidiary and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager: ABB Nominee (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd				
(The units are held beneficially) - MYR class	-	-	807,199	112,612

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 13 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	<u>2023</u> %	<u>2022</u> %
TER	1.98	1.93

TER is derived from the following calculation:

TER	=	(A + B + C + D + E + F) x 100
		G

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

The average NAV of the Fund year or the financial year calculated on a daily basis was USD12,202,997 (2022: USD21,966,177).

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
PTR (times)	0.18	0.38

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(Total acquisition for the financial year + total disposal for the financial year) ÷ 2 Average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis

where: total acquisition for the financial year = USD NIL (2022: USD6,030,000) total disposal for the financial year = USD4,383,614 (2022: USD10,484,887)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 15 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

<u>Change in corporate shareholding of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin</u> <u>Hwang Asset Management Berhad)</u>

On 28 January 2022, Affin Bank Berhad announced that funds advised by CVC Capital Partners, a leading global private equity and investment advisory firm with approximately US\$125 billion of assets under management, has agreed to acquire approximately 68% of the equity interest in AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad).

The Acquisition has been approved by Securities Commissions Malaysia on 1 July 2022, and upon completion of the Acquisition on 29 July 2022, AHAM Asset Management (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) Berhad has ceased to be a subsidiary of Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad.

Change in substantial shareholders of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)

On 19 April 2023, Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI") has divested all its equity interest of 27% in AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) to Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM") for 20% and remaining 7% of the equity interest to Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT") resulting in both NAM and LTAT becoming substantial shareholders of the Manager.

# STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 37 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and cash flows for the financial year ended 30 April 2023 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager, AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD (FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFFIN HWANG ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD)

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur 26 June 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL QUANTUM FUND

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Our Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Affin Hwang World Series - Global Quantum Fund ("the Fund") give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended 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 30 April 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders 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 37.

#### 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.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL QUANTUM FUND (CONTINUED)

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

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

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

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

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

#### Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL QUANTUM FUND (CONTINUED)

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- (b) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (c) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund 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 WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL QUANTUM FUND (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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Kuala Lumpur 26 June 2023

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