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Flexible Maturity Income Fund 8

Annual Report
30 September 2020

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AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

**Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements
For the Financial Year Ended 30 September 2020**

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FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 8
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Wholesale Fixed Income (close-ended)
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide income through investments in fixed income instruments
Duration of the Fund	Three (3) years close-ended Fund
Termination Date	28 August 2021
Benchmark	3-years Malayan Banking Berhad fixed deposit rate as at Investment Date
Distribution Policy	Depending on the level of income the Fund generates, the Fund will provide distribution on an annual basis

BREAKDOWN OF UNITHOLDERS BY SIZE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Size of holdings (units)	No. of unitholders	No. of units held * ('000)
5,000 and below	25	121
5,001 to 10,000	67	626
10,001 to 50,000	135	4,267
50,001 to 500,000	91	15,971
500,001 and above	27	176,583
Total	345	197,568

* Note: Excluding Manager's stock

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 30 Sep 2020 (%)	As at 30 Sep 2019 (%)
Portfolio composition		
Unquoted fixed income securities – local	12.03	9.61
Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	84.27	88.19
Total unquoted fixed income securities	96.30	97.80
Cash & cash equivalent	3.70	2.20
Total	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	208.552	207.641
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.0556	1.0380
Unit in Circulation (million)	197.572	200.042
Highest NAV	1.0981	1.0775
Lowest NAV	1.0154	1.0000
Return of the Fund (%) ⁱⁱⁱ	6.18	8.46
- Capital Growth (%) ⁱ	1.70	3.80
- Income Distribution (%) ⁱⁱ	4.41	4.49
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	4.64	4.64
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	4.64	4.64
Management Expense Ratio (%) ¹	0.07	0.08
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) ²	0.17	1.01

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

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

An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

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

¹The Fund's MER was lower compared to previous year due to higher average net asset value of the Fund for the financial year.

²The lower PTR of the Fund was due to lower expenses incurred over the financial year.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Income Distribution / Unit Split

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

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
27 Aug 2020	28 Aug 2020	1.0981	0.04635	1.0522

No unit split were declared for the financial year ended 30 September 2020.

Performance Review

For the period 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020, the Fund registered a return of 6.18%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund as at 30 September 2020 was RM1.0556 while the NAV per unit on 30 September 2019 was RM1.0380. The Benchmark for the period registered a return of 3.41%. The Fund outperformed the Benchmark by 2.77%. The fund declared a gross income distribution of RM0.0464 per unit for the period. (See Table 1 for performance of the Fund and Figure 1 for the movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark respectively).

Since its inception to 30 September 2020, the Fund has registered a return of 15.16%. Compared to the benchmark that rose 7.26% for the same period, the Fund outperformed the Benchmark by 7.90%. The fund has declared a total gross income distribution of RM0.0927 per unit to-date. As such, the Fund will continue to be managed in a manner to fulfill its objective.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	1 Year (1/10/19 - 30/9/20)	Since Commencement (28/8/18 - 30/9/20)
Fund	6.18%	15.16%
Benchmark	3.41%	7.26%
Outperformance	2.77%	7.90%

Source of Benchmark: www.maybank2u.com.my

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/10/19 - 30/9/20)	Since Commencement (28/8/18 - 30/9/20)
Fund	6.18%	6.97%
Benchmark	3.41%	3.40%
Outperformance	2.77%	3.57%

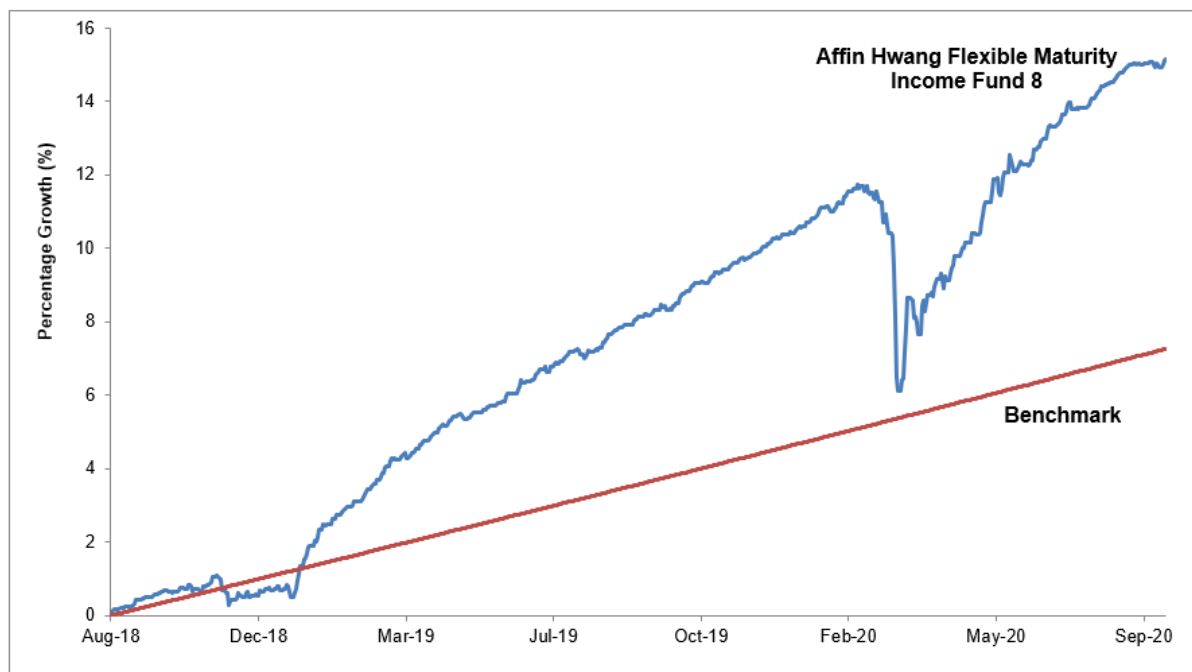
Source of Benchmark: www.maybank2u.com.my

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2020 (1/10/19 - 30/9/20)	FYE 2019 (28/8/18 - 30/9/19)
Fund	6.18%	8.46%
Benchmark	3.41%	3.72%
Outperformance	2.77%	4.74%

Source of Benchmark: www.maybank2u.com.my

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



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Benchmark: 3-years Malayan Banking Berhad fixed deposit rate

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Asset Allocation

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

During the period under review, the Fund's exposure into deposits with licensed financial institutions stood at 96.30% while the remaining was held in cash and cash equivalent.

Strategy Employed

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

Strategies Employed

The Fund remained focus on providing investors with a balanced exposure into both equities and fixed income opportunities.

Over the period under review, we focus on domestic-driven sectors that are less directly impacted from trade tensions. With the extreme volatility in markets, we raised our cash holdings and went into a defensive stance in our allocation. As the sell-down accelerated, we then slowly deployed back into the market with a focus on quality. We continue to keep close monitor on market development amidst the rare double whammy of global pandemic and oil price collapse. We also kept a moderate cash level as we seek for potential opportunities in the market to deploy.

Market Review

Global markets got off to a rocky start in 2020 as benchmark gauges reeled from contagion fears as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. The World Health Organization declared a global health emergency as soon as the coronavirus outbreak has claimed the lives of at least 300 people with rates of infection rapidly increasing. The global equities trended lower as risk assets continue to reel from the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak which sent chills to investors. The rapid spread of the infection outside of China with new cases springing in Italy, South Korea and Iran led to a rush towards safe haven assets with US Treasury yields dipping to record lows.

Coming into March, the global markets faced a washout, as few asset classes were spared from the selloff due to the pandemic fears as infection rates continue to escalate rapidly. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan index closed 12.2% lower in the month. In the US, the S&P 500 index closed 12.5% lower that month. In an attempt to stem the fallout from the coronavirus, major economies led by the US has introduced an unprecedented US\$2 trillion relief package to cushion its economy. The relief package comes as the US also reports the most number of Covid-19 cases, making it the country with the largest outbreak in the world surpassing that of Italy and China.

However, global equities staged a rebound in April as markets looked past recent softness in economic data and were instead buoyed by stimulus optimism as well as encouraging developments on the COVID-19 front. The rally was fuelled by a volley of stimulus measures rolled out by major central banks including an expansion package by the US Federal Reserve and the European Union (EU). The S&P 500 index advanced by 8.8% in the month; while positive effects were also felt in Asia in which the Hong Kong Hang Seng and the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index rose by 4.4% and 8.9% respectively.

The US unveiled its Main Street Lending Program which is designed to provide support and ensure credit flow into SMEs that were in “good financial standing”. Similarly, the EU proposed a European Stability Mechanism (“ESM”) which offers a credit line of up to 240 billion Euros to EU members.

Tensions between the two global powerhouse rose recently after China ordered the US to close its Chengdu-based consulate. The order followed the US closure of the Chinese consulate in Houston. On the other hand, remarks by US President Donald Trump that he will move to ban Chinese-owned video app TikTok in the US also added fuel to this fire.

Technology companies have been leading gains in the US stock market despite the slowdown in the economy due to COVID-19. Gold price which has a historical negative correlation to the US dollar has surged to new highs this year as investors flock to the safe haven asset.

On commodities, crude oil prices slid by about 35% YTD as at end of September, after oil prices rebounded in June following a move by Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (“OPEC”) and its oil-producing allies to extend the group’s historic production cut.

On the domestic front, the country plunged into political turmoil which ultimately culminated in the appointment of Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as the eighth Prime Minister, from the Perikatan Nasional coalition (UMNO, PAS, Bersatu and a splinter faction of PKR). The appointment was announced by Istana Negara amidst shifting political allegiances and frantic horse-trading across the ruling and opposition coalitions.

Coming into September, opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim claimed that he has secured a “strong, formidable” majority from lawmakers in parliament to oust Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. The news was greeted with scepticism as Anwar has made prior claims before. Though a statement from UMNO president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi that he has information that many members from UMNO and Barisan Nasional have stated their support for Anwar to form a new government has lent credibility to the claim.

Malaysia's economy posted a smaller contraction of 2.7 per cent in the third quarter (3Q) of 2020, surpassing consensus estimate of -4.6 per cent, as well as the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contraction of 17.1 per cent in 2Q, supported by improvements in all sectors.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin unveiled a RM250 billion economic stimulus package to soften the economic blow due to the impact of Covid-19 with businesses shuttered due to the movement control order (MCO). Called the Pakej Rangsangan Ekonomi Prihatin Rakyat or Prihatin, the package comprises RM128 billion to protect the welfare of the people, RM100 billion to protect the welfare of small and medium

enterprises (“SMEs”) and RM2 billion to strengthen the country’s economy according to The Edge. This was on top of the RM20 billion stimulus that was earlier announced on 27 February.

Whilst RM250 billion seems like a massive amount on the surface, the actual fiscal spending outlay amounts to 10.0% or RM25billion. The rest of the relief package comes in the form of loan guarantees, moratorium in loan repayments, EPF withdrawals, among others. In April, Prime Minister had announced an additional RM10billion package to help SMEs cope during the pandemic.

Recent placement exercises by Tenaga Nasional Bhd (“TNB”) and Serba Dinamik Holdings Bhd point to strong appetite. Khazanah raised RM1 billion from TNB placement (3x oversubscribed) while Serba Dinamik raised RM456.7 million (1.5x oversubscribed). We could see more placement exercises in the market with ample liquidity on the side-lines as most funds are sitting on decent amounts of cash.

Investment Outlook

Global markets have rallied sharply from their lowest, supported by fiscal and monetary stimulus. The economy is still recovering, albeit at a slow pace, as consumers’ confidence return following the low death rates despite the rise in infections. The accelerated efforts to shorten the timeline for a successful vaccine inoculation also lessened market’s response towards increasing infection rates. Economic restarts have since moved at different paces between countries, each depending on their own ways of dealing with Covid-19.

A Biden presidency may be positive for the Asian stock markets. Biden prides himself as one who respects international laws, supporting more coordinated foreign policies. Trade tensions might ease, with technology sector equities and high-yield credits benefitting provided the ongoing Huawei and TikTok issues can be solved amicably. Biden’s clean energy revolution plan could also revitalise US’ energy sector and create more well-paying jobs, further boosting US economy. Considering that the World Trade Organisation (“WTO”) has recently ruled Trump’s China tariff as illegal, Biden may also consider reducing or removing tariffs on China imports.

The worldwide Covid-19 death toll has since breached the 1 million mark, with US cases remaining stable at a high rate and Europe battling new waves. The shift in infections to younger age groups and more effective treatments however ensured Europe’s continuous recovery despite the increasing infection rates. It is also more exposed to global trade than US, thus will benefit from the rebound in Chinese demand. Europe’s exposure to financials, cyclical sectors such as energy and industrials, will potentially outperform in the second phase of recovery when economy continues to pick up as yield curve steepens. US dollar should weaken as economy recovers globally given its counter-cyclical behaviour, with more economically sensitive currencies appreciating instead, including euro and British sterling that are undervalued. However, British sterling faces higher volatility due to Brexit negotiations.

On the other hand, recent alarming increase in Covid-19 cases caused targeted lockdowns in Malaysia, potentially delaying economic recovery although remaining positive on a full rebound by 2021. From a bottom-up perspective, markets are still focused on more export-oriented industries i.e. gloves, electromotive force and technology stocks. Politics pose as minor distraction seeing how the peak of political risk has passed after Sabah election results were released. However, the risk to policy continuity caused by uncertainty of a majority win could lead to potential loss on FDI opportunities to other emerging market countries.

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State of Affairs of the Fund

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

Soft Commissions received from Brokers

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

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

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

Cross Trade

Cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period and that the Investment Committee of the fund has reviewed that such transactions are in the best interest of the fund and transacted on an arm's length and fair value basis.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

We have acted as Trustee of Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 8 ("the Fund") for the financial year ended 30 September 2020. To the best of our knowledge, **Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad**, the Manager, has managed the Fund in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company and the trustee under the Deeds, other provisions of the Deeds, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007, the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Product under the Lodge Framework and other applicable laws during the financial period then ended.

We have also ensured the following:

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

During this financial period, a distribution of 4.6350 sen per unit (net) has been distributed to unit holders of the Fund. We are of the view that the distribution is not inconsistent with the objective of the Fund.

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

NORHAYATI BINTI AZIT
DIRECTOR – FUND SERVICES

Kuala Lumpur
16 November 2020

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AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>Note</u>	<u>30.9.2020</u> RM	Financial period from 1.8.2018 (date of launch) to <u>30.9.2019</u> RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		57,954	769,799
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		11,062,591	11,263,477
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange		387,889	(69,527)
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss		1,279,054	(8,536)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	17,634	5,083,125
Exit fee income		46,750	2,116
		<u>12,851,872</u>	<u>17,040,454</u>
EXPENSES			
Trustee fee	5	(84,348)	(93,759)
Auditors' remuneration		(9,500)	(8,000)
Tax agent's fee		(3,500)	(3,500)
Fund accounting fee	6	(7,583)	-
Other expenses		(52,202)	(60,011)
		<u>(157,133)</u>	<u>(165,270)</u>
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		12,694,739	16,875,184
Taxation	7	(10,968)	(244)
NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD		<u>12,683,771</u>	<u>16,874,940</u>
Net profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		11,150,119	13,535,988
Unrealised amount		1,533,652	3,338,952
		<u>12,683,771</u>	<u>16,874,940</u>

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

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
ASSETS			
Amount due from brokers		2,533,200	-
Cash and cash equivalents	10	3,347,214	4,624,006
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	200,845,564	203,072,259
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	11	2,233,987	2,281,684
Tax recoverable		14,838	3,456
Exit fee income receivable		-	604
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>208,974,803</u>	<u>209,982,009</u>
LIABILITIES			
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	11	401,781	2,290,220
Amount due to Manager - cancellation of units		-	30,061
Amount due to Trustee		6,841	6,806
Auditors' remuneration		9,500	8,000
Tax agent's fee		3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals		1,089	2,730
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>422,711</u>	<u>2,341,317</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>208,552,092</u>	<u>207,640,692</u>
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital		197,446,613	200,039,042
Retained earnings		11,105,479	7,601,650
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>208,552,092</u>	<u>207,640,692</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	12	<u>197,572,000</u>	<u>200,042,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>1.0556</u>	<u>1.0380</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained <u>earnings</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 October 2019	200,039,042	7,601,650	207,640,692
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	12,683,771	12,683,771
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(9,179,942)	(9,179,942)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Cancellation of units	(2,592,429)	-	(2,592,429)
Balance as at 30 September 2020	<u>197,446,613</u>	<u>11,105,479</u>	<u>208,552,092</u>
Balance as at 1 August 2018 (date of launch)	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	16,874,940	16,874,940
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(9,273,290)	(9,273,290)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	200,120,000	-	200,120,000
Cancellation of units	(80,958)	-	(80,958)
Balance as at 30 September 2019	<u>200,039,042</u>	<u>7,601,650</u>	<u>207,640,692</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>Note</u>	<u>30.9.2020</u> RM	Financial period from 1.8.2018 (date of launch) to <u>30.9.2019</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		36,169,349	106,417,150
Purchase of investments		(36,773,365)	(300,186,351)
Interest received		11,435,690	7,813,343
Exit fee income received		47,354	1,512
Trustee fee paid		(84,313)	(86,953)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(72,926)	(57,281)
Net realised loss on forward foreign currency contract		(561,688)	-
Net gain/(loss) on realised foreign currency exchange		121,207	(346,166)
Tax paid		(22,350)	(3,700)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		<u>10,258,958</u>	<u>(186,448,446)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units		-	200,120,000
Payments for cancellation of units		(2,622,490)	(50,897)
Payments for distribution		(9,179,942)	(9,273,290)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		<u>(11,802,432)</u>	<u>190,795,813</u>
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		<u>(1,543,474)</u>	<u>4,347,367</u>
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		266,682	276,639
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/ DATE OF LAUNCH		<u>4,624,006</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD	10	<u><u>3,347,214</u></u>	<u><u>4,624,006</u></u>

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported financial year. 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 K.

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

- IC Interpretation 23 'Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments' (effective 1 January 2019)
- Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2015 – 2017 Cycle (effective 1 January 2019)

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

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

- Amendments to MFRS 3 'Definition of a Business' (effective 1 January 2020) revise the definition of a business.
- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (effective 1 January 2023) clarify that a liability is classified as non-current if an entity has a substantive right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

A liability is classified as current if a condition is breached at or before the reporting date and a waiver is obtained after the reporting date.

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

B INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income

Interest income from short term deposits with licensed financial institutions and unquoted fixed income securities are recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

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

Realised gains and losses on sale of investments

For unquoted fixed income securities, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on cost adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium on investments.

Exit fee income

Exit fee income is a redemption fee charged to unitholders on cancellation of units before the maturity date and is recognised upon cancellation of units.

C DISTRIBUTION

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

D TAXATION

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

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

E FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

F FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

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

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

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions.

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

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from broker and exit fee income receivable 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 Manager, amount due to Trustee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Recognition and measurement

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

Financial liabilities, within the scope 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.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

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

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the “financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” category including the effects of currency 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 year/period which they arise.

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

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

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

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

Unquoted fixed income securities including money market instruments denominated in foreign currencies are revalued at least twice a week by reference to the mid price quoted in Bloomberg using the Composite Bloomberg Bond Trader (“CBBT”) which is a weighted average bid and ask of price contributions submitted by Bloomberg Dealers.

However, if such quotations are not available, the fair value shall be determined by reference to the bid and offer prices quoted by independent and reputable financial institutions.

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

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

(iii) Impairment

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

Quantitative criteria:

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

Qualitative criteria:

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

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

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

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment (continued)

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.

H CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances and deposits held in highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

I UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

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

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

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

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

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.

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

J DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

K CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

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

L REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

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

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Wholesale Fund was constituted under the name Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 8 (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 10 July 2018 (the "Deed") entered into between Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund commenced operations on 28 August 2018 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 12.1 of the Deed or on maturity date of the Fund which falls on the third anniversary of the investment date or such earlier date in accordance with the provisions of the Deed or subject to the early maturity feature.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments:

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

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

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

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

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 16 November 2020.

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2020</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Amount due from brokers		2,533,200	-	2,533,200
Unquoted fixed income securities	9	-	200,845,564	200,845,564
Cash and cash equivalents	10	3,347,214	-	3,347,214
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	2,233,987	2,233,987
Total		<u>5,880,414</u>	<u>203,079,551</u>	<u>208,959,965</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	401,781	401,781
Amount due to Trustee		6,841	-	6,841
Auditors' remuneration		9,500	-	9,500
Other payables and accruals		1,089	-	1,089
Tax agent's fee		3,500	-	3,500
Total		<u>20,930</u>	<u>401,781</u>	<u>422,711</u>
<u>2019</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Unquoted fixed income securities	9	-	203,072,259	203,072,259
Cash and cash equivalents	10	4,624,006	-	4,624,006
Exit fee income receivable		604	-	604
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	2,281,684	2,281,684
Total		<u>4,624,610</u>	<u>205,353,943</u>	<u>209,978,553</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2019 (continued)</u>				
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to Manager		30,061	-	30,061
- cancellation of units		6,806	-	6,806
Amount due to Trustee		8,000	-	8,000
Auditors' remuneration		-	-	-
Forward foreign currency contracts	11	-	2,290,220	2,290,220
Other payables and accruals		2,730	-	2,730
Tax agent's fee		3,500	-	3,500
Total		<u>51,097</u>	<u>2,290,220</u>	<u>2,341,317</u>

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

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

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

	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
Unquoted investment		
Unquoted fixed income securities*	<u>200,845,564</u>	<u>203,072,259</u>

* Include interest receivable of RM4,324,551 (2019: RM4,159,133).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after taxation and net asset value to price risk movements. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 5% and decreased 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	<u>Impact on</u> <u>profit after</u> <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2020</u>		
-5%	186,694,962	(9,826,051)
0%	196,521,013	-
+5%	206,347,064	9,826,051
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>2019</u>		
-5%	188,967,470	(9,945,656)
0%	198,913,126	-
+5%	208,858,782	9,945,656
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

(b) Interest rate risk

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (continued)

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

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after taxation and net asset value to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities held by the Fund as a result of movement in interest rate. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate increased and decreased by 2% (200 basis points) (2019: 1%: 100 basis points) with all other variables held constant.

<u>% Change in interest rate</u>	<u>Impact on profit after tax/NAV</u>	
	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
+ 2% (2019: + 1%)	(147,724)	(155,073)
- 2% (2019: - 1%)	147,564	154,823

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

(c) Currency risk

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

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

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

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

	Unquoted fixed income securities RM	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Total RM
<u>2020</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Euro	20,551,221	1,013,680	1,153,032	22,717,933
British Pound	-	77,756	1,232,939	1,310,695
Singapore Dollar	32,837,390	551,803	321,641	33,710,834
United States Dollar	122,368,036	590,748	112,878	123,071,662
	<u>175,756,647</u>	<u>2,233,987</u>	<u>2,820,490</u>	<u>180,811,124</u>
	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Total RM		
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Euro	76,436	76,436		
Singapore Dollar	156	156		
United States Dollar	325,189	325,189		
	<u>401,781</u>	<u>401,781</u>		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (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)

	Unquoted fixed income securities RM	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Total RM
<u>2019</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Australian Dollar	2,837,441	88,202	2,423	2,928,066
Euro	17,578,341	1,804,259	92	19,382,692
British Pound	1,236,230	87,549	1,429	1,325,208
Singapore Dollar	26,816,403	244,991	31,006	27,092,400
United States Dollar	134,646,214	56,683	395,527	135,098,424
	<u>183,114,629</u>	<u>2,281,684</u>	<u>430,477</u>	<u>185,826,790</u>
	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Total RM		
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
United States Dollar	<u>2,290,220</u>	<u>2,290,220</u>		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after tax and net asset value to changes in foreign exchange movements. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes based on each currency's respective historical volatility (2019: 5%), 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 (2019: 5%). Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

	Change in price %	Impact on profit after tax/NAV RM
<u>2020</u>		
Euro	+/-8.28	+/- 1,873,908
British Pound	+/-12.60	+/- 165,132
Singapore Dollar	+/-4.60	+/- 1,552,084
United States Dollar	+/-6.26	+/- 7,680,846
<u>2019</u>		
Australian Dollar	+/-5	+/- 146,403
Euro	+/-5	+/- 969,135
British Pound	+/-5	+/- 66,260
Singapore Dollar	+/-5	+/- 1,354,620
United States Dollar	+/-5	+/- 6,754,921

Credit risk

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

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Credit risk (continued)

	Unquoted fixed income <u>securities</u> RM	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Amount due from <u>brokers</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2020					
Basic materials					
A-	3,421,559	-	-	-	3,421,559
Baa1	6,431,507	-	-	-	6,431,507
Consumer Goods					
A1	15,296,901	-	-	-	15,296,901
Consumer Services					
BBB+	833,584	-	-	-	833,584
Financial services					
AAA	-	1,053,375	3,347,214	-	4,400,589
AA2	-	806,398	-	-	806,398
AA3	-	199,290	-	-	199,290
A1	2,709,173	-	-	-	2,709,173
BBB	806,180	-	-	-	806,180
BBB+	8,055,424	-	-	-	8,055,424
BB	4,235,784	-	-	-	4,235,784
BB+	2,094,532	-	-	-	2,094,532
BB-	3,068,146	-	-	-	3,068,146
Baa1	8,179,573	-	-	-	8,179,573
Baa3	35,820,613	-	-	-	35,820,613
Ba1	23,573,413	-	-	-	23,573,413
Ba2	20,523,243	-	-	-	20,523,243
B1	28,078,471	-	-	-	28,078,471
NR	8,069,560	174,924	-	-	8,244,484
Industrials					
BBB-	8,415,295	-	-	-	8,415,295
Baa1	6,441,566	-	-	-	6,441,566
Ba1	100,654	-	-	-	100,654
NR	14,690,386	-	-	-	14,690,386
Others					
NR	-	-	-	2,533,200	2,533,200
	<u>200,845,564</u>	<u>2,233,987</u>	<u>3,347,214</u>	<u>2,533,200</u>	<u>208,959,965</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Credit risk (continued)

	Unquoted fixed income <u>securities</u> RM	Forward foreign currency <u>contracts</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2019</u>					
Basic materials					
A-	3,464,915	-	-	-	3,464,915
Baa1	7,686,981	-	-	-	7,686,981
Ba3	823,680	-	-	-	823,680
Consumer Goods					
A1	10,279,197	-	-	-	10,279,197
Consumer Services					
BBB+	851,626	-	-	-	851,626
Financial services					
AAA	-	955,481	4,624,006	-	5,579,487
AA2	-	1,155,482	-	-	1,155,482
AA3	-	101,900	-	-	101,900
A1	2,668,273	-	-	-	2,668,273
A3	9,754,876	-	-	-	9,754,876
BBB+	7,770,924	-	-	-	7,770,924
BBB-	14,327,910	-	-	-	14,327,910
BB	7,185,717	-	-	-	7,185,717
BB-	3,068,548	-	-	-	3,068,548
Baa1	1,555,708	-	-	-	1,555,708
Baa3	40,468,262	-	-	-	40,468,262
Ba1	21,892,647	-	-	-	21,892,647
Ba2	13,283,104	-	-	-	13,283,104
B1	10,287,119	-	-	-	10,287,119
NR	16,139,826	68,821	-	-	16,208,647
Industrials					
BBB-	8,387,827	-	-	-	8,387,827
Baa1	6,393,064	-	-	-	6,393,064
Ba2	2,626,945	-	-	-	2,626,945
NR	14,155,110	-	-	-	14,155,110
Others					
NR	-	-	-	604	604
	<u>203,072,259</u>	<u>2,281,684</u>	<u>4,624,006</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>209,978,553</u>

* Other assets consist of exit fee income receivable.

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

Liquidity risk

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

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

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

	Within one month RM	Between one month to one year RM	Total RM
<u>2020</u>			
Amount due to Trustee	6,841	-	6,841
Auditors' remuneration	-	9,500	9,500
Tax agent's fee	-	3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals	-	1,089	1,089
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	76,433	325,348	401,781
	<u>83,274</u>	<u>339,437</u>	<u>422,711</u>
<u>2019</u>			
Amount due to Manager			
- cancellation of units	30,061	-	30,061
Amount due to Trustee	6,806	-	6,806
Auditors' remuneration	-	8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee	-	3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals	-	2,730	2,730
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	21,399	2,268,821	2,290,220
	<u>58,266</u>	<u>2,283,051</u>	<u>2,341,317</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

Capital risk

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

3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

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

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

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

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

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

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

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

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

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2020</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- unquoted fixed income securities	-	200,845,564	-	200,845,564
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,233,987	-	2,233,987
	<u>-</u>	<u>203,079,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,079,551</u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	401,781	-	401,781
	<u>-</u>	<u>401,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,781</u>
<u>2019</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- unquoted fixed income securities	-	203,072,259	-	203,072,259
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,281,684	-	2,281,684
	<u>-</u>	<u>205,353,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,353,943</u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	2,290,220	-	2,290,220
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,290,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,290,220</u>

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

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

4 MANAGEMENT FEE

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

The Manager does not intend to impose any management fee in respect of this Fund.

5 TRUSTEE FEE

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

For the financial year ended 30 September 2020, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (2019: 0.04%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, exclusive of foreign custodian fees and charges, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Information Memorandum.

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

6 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

Effective 1 January 2020, the annual fund valuation and accounting fee for the Fund is RM13,000.

7 TAXATION

	30.9.2020 RM	Financial period from 1.8.2018 (date of launch) to 30.9.2019 RM
Current taxation - local	10,968	244

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

7 TAXATION (CONTINUED)

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

	<u>30.9.2020</u> RM	Financial period from 1.8.2018 (date of launch) to <u>30.9.2019</u> RM
Net profit before taxation	12,694,739	16,875,184
Tax at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2019: 24%)	3,046,737	4,050,044
Tax effects of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(3,073,229)	(4,089,202)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	35,192	37,026
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Wholesale Funds	2,268	2,376
Tax expense	<u>10,968</u>	<u>244</u>

8 DISTRIBUTION

	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
Distribution to unitholders are from the following sources:		
Interest income	4,964,290	9,365,324
Previous year's realised income	4,327,053	-
Gross realised income	9,291,343	9,365,324
Less: Expenses	(111,401)	(92,034)
Net distribution amount	<u>9,179,942</u>	<u>9,273,290</u>

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8 DISTRIBUTION (CONTINUED)

During the financial year ended 30 September 2020, distributions were made as follows:

	Gross/Net distribution per unit sen
<u>2020</u>	
28.08.2020	4.6350

During the financial period ended 30 September 2019, distributions were made as follows:

	Gross/Net distribution per unit sen
<u>2019</u>	
28.08.2019	4.6350

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

Included in distribution for the financial year is an amount of RM4,327,053 (2019: RM Nil) made from previous year's realised income.

9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- unquoted fixed income securities - local	25,088,917	19,957,630
- unquoted fixed income securities - foreign	175,756,647	183,114,629
	<u>200,845,564</u>	<u>203,072,259</u>
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised gain on sale of investments	121,561	2,072,233
- unrealised (loss)/gain on changes in fair value	(103,927)	3,010,892
	<u>17,634</u>	<u>5,083,125</u>

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

(a) Unquoted fixed income securities – local

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 30 September 2020 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
5.4% CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Call: 23.10.2023 (A1)	2,500,000	2,559,549	2,709,173	1.30
6.5% Eco World Capital Assets Bhd 12.08.2022 (NR)	500,000	508,767	523,214	0.25
6.9% Mah Sing Group Bhd Call: 04.04.2022 (NR)	6,150,000	6,437,184	6,559,629	3.15
4.70% Tan Chong Motor Holdings Bhd 24.11.2021 (A1)	15,000,000	15,102,588	15,296,901	7.33
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local	<u>24,150,000</u>	<u>24,608,087</u>	<u>25,088,917</u>	<u>12.03</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>480,830</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>25,088,917</u>		

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

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

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 30 September 2019 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
4.70% Tan Chong Motor Holdings Bhd 24.11.2021 (A1)	10,000,000	9,852,499	10,279,197	4.95
5.40% CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Call: 23.10.2023 (A1)	2,500,000	2,559,548	2,668,273	1.28
6.50% Eco World Capital Assets Bhd 12.08.2022 (NR)	500,000	511,009	516,459	0.25
6.90% Mah Sing Group Bhd Call: 04.04.2022 (NR)	6,150,000	6,437,175	6,493,701	3.13
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local	<u>19,150,000</u>	<u>19,360,231</u>	<u>19,957,630</u>	<u>9.61</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>597,399</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>19,957,630</u>		

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 30 September 2020 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
4.625% Argentum Netherlands BV Swiss Call: 15.08.2022 (BBB+)	831,000	813,477	833,584	0.40
8.875% Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Arg SA Call: 14.04.2021 (Ba2)	4,865,200	4,862,139	5,112,120	2.45
3.625% Bank of Communications Co Ltd Call: 03.10.2021 (BBB+)	7,784,320	8,010,370	8,055,424	3.86
5.50% Bank of East Asia Ltd Call: 02.12.2020 (Ba2)	8,310,000	8,361,409	8,450,277	4.05
8% Barclays PLC Call: 15.12.2020 (NR)	973,040	938,634	986,717	0.47

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

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

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 30 September 2020 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value RM</u>	<u>Adjusted cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Bonds</u> (continued)				
4.875% Chalco HK Investment Co Ltd 07.09.2021 (A-)	3,324,000	3,291,779	3,421,559	1.64
3.75% China Minmetals Corp Call: 13.11.2022 (Baa1)	2,077,500	2,058,648	2,149,122	1.03
4.45% China Minmetals Corp Call: 13.05.2021 (Baa1)	4,155,000	4,166,230	4,282,385	2.05
3.876% Chong Hing Bank Ltd Call: 26.07.2022 (BB+)	2,077,500	2,111,526	2,094,532	1.00
7.625% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd 02.03.2021 (BB)	4,155,000	4,204,396	4,235,784	2.03
7.625% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd Call: 28.02.2021 (BB-)	2,908,500	2,872,129	3,068,146	1.47
4% CK Hutchison Capital Sec17 Ltd Call: 12.05.2022 (Baa1)	6,232,500	6,075,501	6,441,566	3.09
4.35% Far East Horizon Ltd Call: 14.06.2022 (NR)	5,817,000	5,667,565	5,882,320	2.82
4.7% HSBC Holdings PLC Call: 08.06.2022 (Baa3)	6,065,600	6,227,087	6,082,634	2.92
6.875% HSBC Holdings PLC Call: 01.06.2021 (Baa3)	10,803,000	11,425,789	11,267,709	5.40
6% Indust & Comm Bank of China Call: 10.12.2021 (Ba1)	5,838,240	6,223,974	6,396,960	3.07
5.75% Julius Baer Group Ltd Call: 20.04.2022 (Baa3)	7,582,000	8,052,201	8,008,379	3.84
5.90% Julius Baer Group Ltd Call: 18.11.2020 (Baa3)	6,823,800	7,100,313	6,960,846	3.34
6.25% Noor Tier 1 Sukuk Ltd Call: 01.06.2021 (NR)	4,155,000	4,377,194	4,265,247	2.05
4.5% Postal Savings Bk China Co Ltd Call: 27.09.2022 (Ba2)	-	100,654	100,654	0.05
6.375% Shimao Group Holdings Ltd Call: 15.10.2020 (BBB-)	12,465,000	13,026,567	13,267,694	6.36
4.30% Societe Generale SA Call: 19.05.2021 (Baa3)	6,065,600	6,167,665	6,185,724	2.97
7.50% Standard Chartered PLC Call: 02.04.2022 (Ba1)	2,077,500	2,217,759	2,218,337	1.06
10.95% Times China Holdings Ltd 27.11.2020 (B1)	3,324,000	3,503,996	3,486,599	1.67

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

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

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 30 September 2020 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds (continued)</u>				
7.85% Times China Holdings Ltd Call: 02.11.2020 (B1)	8,310,000	8,671,578	8,625,053	4.14
6.875% UBS Group AG Call: 22.03.2021 (Ba1)	14,542,500	15,451,751	15,272,442	7.32
5.875% UBS Grp Funding Switzerland AG Call: 28.11.2023 (BBB)	758,200	775,877	806,180	0.39
4.00% United Overseas Bank Ltd Call: 18.05.2021 (Baa1)	4,549,200	4,660,372	4,692,974	2.25
3.75% Weichai Int HK Energy Grp Co Call: 14.09.2022 (BBB-)	8,310,000	8,333,190	8,415,295	4.04
7.85% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 05.10.2022 (NR)	10,803,000	11,141,517	11,994,331	5.75
8.1% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 29.03.2024 (NR)	2,493,000	2,439,222	2,696,055	1.29
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	<u>168,476,200</u>	<u>173,330,513</u>	<u>175,756,647</u>	<u>84.27</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>2,426,134</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>175,756,647</u>		

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 30 September 2019 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
6.875% UBS Group AG Call: 22.03.2021 (Ba1)	14,652,750	15,458,060	15,763,337	7.59
3.75% China Minmetals Corporation Call: 13.11.2022 (Baa1)	2,093,250	2,057,885	2,125,015	1.02
4.00% China Life Insurance Co. Ltd Call: 03.07.2020 (A3)	9,628,950	9,728,483	9,754,876	4.70

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

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

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 30 September 2019 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value RM</u>	<u>Adjusted cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Bonds</u> (continued)				
4.45% China Minmetals Corporation Call: 13.05.2021 (Baa1)	4,186,500	4,165,250	4,325,736	2.08
4.50% Postal Savings Bk China Co. Ltd Call: 27.09.2022 (Ba2)	2,511,900	2,552,103	2,626,945	1.26
6.50% Standard Chartered Plc Call: 02.04.2020 (Ba1)	2,930,550	2,974,876	3,051,932	1.47
6.875% HSBC Holdings Plc Call: 01.06.2021 (Baa3)	10,884,900	11,431,167	11,699,272	5.63
7.50% Standard Chartered Plc Call: 02.04.2022 (Ba1)	2,093,250	2,218,694	2,293,975	1.10
3.75% Weichai International HK Energy Group Co Call: 14.09.2022 (BBB-)	8,373,000	8,331,532	8,387,827	4.04
3.876% Chong Hing Bank Ltd Call: 26.07.2022 (NR)	3,349,200	3,203,698	3,377,998	1.63
4.35% Far East Horizon Ltd Call: 14.06.2022 (NR)	5,861,100	5,663,847	5,751,668	2.77
5.50% Bank of East Asia Ltd Call: 02.12.2020 (Ba2)	8,373,000	8,361,203	8,571,278	4.13
10.95% Times China Holdings Ltd 27.11.2020 (B1)	3,349,200	3,666,164	3,684,511	1.77
4.00% CK Hutchison Capital Sec17 Ltd Call: 12.05.2022 (Baa1)	6,279,750	6,072,092	6,393,064	3.08
6.375% Shimao Property Holdings Ltd Call: 15.10.2020 (BBB-)	12,559,500	13,271,979	13,524,017	6.51
7.625% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd 02.03.2021 (BB)	4,186,500	4,203,300	4,348,276	2.09
7.625% CIFI Holdings Group Co Ltd Call: 28.02.2021 (BB-)	2,930,550	2,872,283	3,068,548	1.48
7.85% Times China Holdings Ltd Call: 04.06.2020 (B1)	6,279,750	6,561,370	6,602,608	3.18
4.80% Press Metal Labuan Ltd Call: 30.10.2020 (Ba3)	837,300	833,266	823,680	0.40
4.625% Argentum Netherlands BV Swiss Call: 15.08.2022 (BBB+)	837,300	813,144	851,626	0.41
4.875% Chalco HK Investment Co Ltd 07.09.2021 (A-)	3,349,200	3,285,970	3,464,915	1.67
8.10% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 29.03.2024 (NR)	2,511,900	2,540,962	2,675,048	1.29

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

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

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 30 September 2019 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value RM</u>	<u>Adjusted cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Bonds (continued)</u>				
7.85% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 05.10.2022 (NR)	10,884,900	11,143,346	11,480,062	5.53
4.375% UBS Group AG Call: 27.08.2024 (BB)	2,828,500	2,852,232	2,837,441	1.37
6.50% BHP Billiton Finance Ltd Call: 22.10.2022 (Baa1)	1,032,980	1,281,412	1,236,230	0.60
3.625% Bank of Communications Co Ltd Call: 03.10.2021 (BBB+)	7,328,800	8,039,101	7,770,924	3.74
6.00% Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Call: 10.12.2021 (Ba1)	687,075	767,153	783,403	0.38
6.75% Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA Call: 18.02.2020 (Ba2)	4,580,500	5,010,823	4,711,826	2.27
5.50% Cooperatieve Rabobank UA Call: 29.06.2020 (Baa3)	4,122,450	4,586,650	4,312,188	2.08
5.75% Julius Baer Group Ltd Call: 20.04.2022 (Baa3)	7,574,750	8,056,542	8,012,840	3.86
5.875% UBS Group Funding Switzerland Call: 28.11.2023 (BBB-)	757,475	775,862	803,893	0.39
5.90% Julius Baer Group Ltd Call: 18.11.2020 (Baa3)	3,787,375	3,972,151	3,967,971	1.91
4.30% Societe Generale SA Call: 19.05.2021 (Baa3)	6,059,800	6,175,960	6,274,948	3.02
4.70% HSBC Holdings Plc Call: 08.06.2022 (Baa3)	6,059,800	6,228,554	6,201,043	2.99
4.00% United Overseas Bank Ltd Call: 08.06.2022 (Baa3)	1,514,950	1,544,022	1,555,708	0.75
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	<u>175,278,655</u>	<u>180,701,136</u>	<u>183,114,629</u>	<u>88.19</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>2,413,493</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>183,114,629</u>		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

10 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
Cash and bank balances	2,877,031	447,209
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	470,183	4,176,797
	<u>3,347,214</u>	<u>4,624,006</u>

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

	<u>2020</u> %	<u>2019</u> %
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	<u>1.75</u>	<u>3.00</u>

The deposit with a licensed financial institution has an average maturity of 1 day (2019: 1 day).

11 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

As at the date of statement of financial position, there are 43 (2019: 46) forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The notional principal amounts of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to RM178,460,656 (2019: RM182,741,054). The forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial year/period were for hedging against the currency exposure arising from the investment in the foreign unquoted fixed income securities denominated in Australian Dollar, Euro, British Pound, Singapore Dollar and United States Dollar. As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial year/period, the changes in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contracts are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

12 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2020</u> No. of units	<u>2019</u> No. of units
At the beginning of the financial year/date of launch	200,042,000	-
Creation of units during the financial year/period	-	200,120,000
Cancellation of units during the financial year/period	(2,470,000)	(78,000)
As at the end of the financial year/period	<u>197,572,000</u>	<u>200,042,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

13 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

- (i) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 30 September 2020 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	Value of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %
BNP Paribas Securities	7,571,886	15.90
Standard Chartered Bank	6,134,316	12.88
Deutsche Bank Ag London	5,257,871	11.04
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd	5,055,000	10.61
Arqaam Capital Ltd	4,291,928	9.01
Citigroup Global Markets	3,842,260	8.07
Natwest Markets	3,687,969	7.74
Nomura Singapore Ltd#	3,280,340	6.89
Morgan Stanley and Co International Plc	2,531,641	5.32
JP Morgan Securities Plc	2,166,051	4.55
Others	3,811,005	7.99
	<u>47,630,267</u>	<u>100.00</u>

- (ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial period from 1 August 2018 (date of launch) to 30 September 2019 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	Value of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %
Nomura Singapore Ltd#	120,905,562	31.78
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd	55,139,167	14.50
Citigroup Global Markets	29,877,412	7.85
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	22,160,238	5.83
RHB Investment Bank Bhd#	20,321,752	5.34
HSBC Banking Corporation Ltd	19,014,256	5.00
Barclays Bank Plc	17,823,816	4.69
JP Morgan Securities Plc	14,058,383	3.70
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	11,967,657	3.15
DBS Bank Ltd	11,522,278	3.03
Others	57,602,409	15.13
	<u>380,392,930</u>	<u>100.00</u>

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

13 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

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

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
Nomura Singapore Ltd	-	86,496,220
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	-	20,828,952
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	-	107,325,172
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The cross trades are conducted between the Fund, other funds and private mandates managed by the Manager as follows:

	<u>2020</u> RM	<u>2019</u> RM
Affin Hwang Absolute Return Fund III	-	4,137,905
Affin Hwang Flexi Fund II	-	4,241,699
Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund	-	14,710,851
Affin Hwang Select Income Fund	-	66,847,748
Private Mandates	-	17,386,969
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	-	107,325,172
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

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

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

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationships</u>
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	The Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Holding company of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager as disclosed in its financial statements

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

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
<u>The Manager:</u>				
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)	<u>3,290</u>	<u>3,473</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>2,504</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

15 MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO ("MER")

	30.9.2020 %	Financial period from 1.8.2018 (date of launch) to 30.9.2019 %
MER	<u>0.07</u>	<u>0.08</u>

MER is derived from the following calculation:

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

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

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year/period calculated on a daily basis is RM 210,869,062 (2019: RM200,832,547).

16 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	30.9.2020	Financial period from 1.8.2018 (date of launch) to 30.9.2019
PTR (times)	<u>0.17</u>	<u>1.01</u>

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

where: total acquisition for the financial year/period = RM36,773,365 (2019: RM300,186,351)
total disposal for the financial year/period = RM36,169,349 (2019: RM106,417,150)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

17 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

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

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

AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad**, do hereby state that in our opinion as the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 39 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 September 2020 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial year ended 30 September 2020 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

TENG CHEE WAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur
16 November 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 8 (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2020, 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 September 2020, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 1 to 39.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8 (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 FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8 (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF
AFFIN HWANG FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 8 (CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

OTHER MATTERS

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

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