

## Press Release

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**Affin Hwang AM Launches Global Shariah  
Multi Thematic Fund**

*The newly launched retail equity fund provides investors with a multipronged approach to capture opportunities across different megatrends shaping the world through a Shariah lens*

**KUALA LUMPUR** – Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (“Affin Hwang AM” or “the Company”) announced today the launch of Affin Hwang Aiiman Global Multi Thematic Fund (“the Fund). The Fund is a retail equity fund that provides access to long-term growth opportunities across several megatrends that are shaping the world through a Shariah lens.

To achieve its investment objective, the Fund will invest a minimum of 70% of the Fund’s net asset value (NAV) in Shariah-compliant equities and a maximum of 30% of the Fund’s NAV in Islamic money market instruments and/or deposits. The Fund also has the flexibility to invest up to 15% of its NAV in Shariah-compliant warrants and up to 10% of its NAV in Islamic structured products.

**Chan Ai Mei, Chief Marketing & Distribution Officer of Affin Hwang AM** said, “As the first global Shariah multi thematic strategy in the industry, the Fund provides investors a unique multipronged approach to capture different megatrends that are transforming how we live and work. These include technological innovation, sustainability as well as shifting demographics and change in lifestyles that are expected to persist and continuously evolve for many years to come.”

“This will translate into dynamic investable opportunities across a myriad of sectors and platforms that have high alpha potential - ranging as diverse from artificial intelligence (AI), solar energy and even e-sports. In return investors benefit from a concentrated portfolio

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exposure into companies that are at the forefront of these long-term structural changes that are difficult to reverse,” Ai Mei continues.

Managed externally by Affin Hwang AM’s wholly-owned Islamic fund management arm ALLMAN Asset Management, the Fund also benefits from the combined expertise of Schroders Investment Management which acts as its Investment Advisor.

On the Fund’s investment strategy, **Akmal Hassan, Managing Director of ALLMAN Asset Management** says, “By adding a Shariah lens to multi-thematic investing, the Fund will only invest in transformational companies with strong balance sheets, while excluding those with excessive levels of debt or those operating in unethical industries that are not well positioned for the future. This further increases the portfolio’s resilience to market volatility.”

“By combining both ALLMAN’s Shariah capabilities with Schroders’ fundamental equity research enhanced by data science, we are able to harness the power of big data and exploit opportunities that are not yet recognised by the market,” Akmal said.

The Fund is suitable for Retail Investors who seek capital appreciation and have a medium to long-term investment horizon. The Base Currency of the Fund is in USD. The Fund is offered in four (4) currency classes, namely USD Class, MYR Hedged-Class, SGD Hedged-Class and AUD Hedged-Class. The minimum investment amount is \$100 for all listed currency classes.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Fund’s Product Highlights Sheet and Prospectus dated 12 August 2021 before investing. Investors who are keen to learn more about the Fund can visit <http://affinhwangam.com/> and invest through any of Affin Hwang AM sales offices.

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Affin Hwang Asset Management Bhd ("Affin Hwang AM" or the "Company") was incorporated in Malaysia on 2 May 1997 under the Companies Act 1965 and began its operations under the name Hwang-DBS Unit Trust Berhad in 2001. In early 2014, the Company was acquired by the Affin Banking Group ("Affin") and hence, is now supported by a major home-grown financial services conglomerate. Affin has close to 40 years of experience in financial industry which focuses on commercial, Islamic and investment banking services, money broking, fund management and underwriting of life and general insurance business. Additionally, Affin Hwang AM is also 30% owned by Nikko Asset Management International Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tokyo-based Nikko Asset Management Co. Ltd, a leading independent Asian investment management franchise. Its head office is located in Kuala Lumpur and has a total of 7 main sales offices located in Peninsular and East Malaysia. They are in Penang, Ipoh, Malacca, Johor Bahru, Kuching, Miri and Kota Kinabalu.

Affin Hwang AM's core business is providing fund management services to private clients, as well as to retail clients via its stable of unit trust funds and private retirement schemes. The Company offers wide range of unit trust products and investment solutions with underlying investments comprising conventional equities, balanced, bond, money market, capital guaranteed, capital protected, global, structured and feeder funds, as well as Shariah-compliant equity, Islamic money market instruments and Islamic fixed income funds. Affin Hwang AM's Shariah investment solutions are made available through its wholly owned subsidiary and Islamic investment arm, AIIMAN Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. ("AIIMAN"). Since its inception in 2001, Affin Hwang AM has achieved an exponential growth in its total assets under administration ("AUA"). As at 31 July 2021, the total AUA, comprising in-house unit trust funds as well as corporate and discretionary portfolios stood at approximately RM81.3 billion (combined AUA of Affin Hwang AM and AIIMAN).

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