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Affin Hwang AM Launches a Purpose Driven Solution to Address Global Climate Change

Invest in climate change winners with the newly launched wholesale feeder growth fund that provides access to global opportunities as the world transitions to a low-carbon economy

KUALA LUMPUR – Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (“Affin Hwang AM” or “the Company”) announced today the launch of Affin Hwang World Series – Global Climate Change Fund (“the Fund”). The Fund is a wholesale feeder growth fund that provides access to opportunities in global equities that will benefit from efforts to transition the world into a low-carbon economy.

The Fund will feed into a collective investment scheme, namely Schroder International Selection Fund Global Climate Change Equity (“Target Fund”) which is managed by Schroders (“Target Fund Manager”). To achieve its investment objective, the Fund will invest a minimum of 80% of the Fund’s net asset value (NAV) into the Target Fund and a maximum of 20% of the Fund’s NAV into money market instruments, deposits and/or cash.

Chan Ai Mei, Chief Marketing & Distribution Officer of Affin Hwang AM said, “Sustainable investing has taken off significantly in Asia ex-Japan attracting over US\$ 7.9 billion of net inflows¹ as the global pandemic highlights the importance of ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) as well as challenges the world face. These include global warming and climate change which have exposed deep fissures in society especially in terms of inequality.”

“With coordinated efforts by governments to tackle climate change especially as the US officially re-joins the Paris Climate Agreement, we see opportunities in this space as governments pledge to increase fiscal spending towards clean energy and green

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infrastructure. Investors can participate in this theme through our newly launched Fund to not tap into climate change winners, but also solve a global crisis together,” Ai Mei said.

Lily Choh, Deputy CEO, Singapore and Head of Distribution, South East Asia, Schroders said, “Climate change will be the defining driver of the global economy, society and financial markets in the coming years, and the time for action is now. In order to meet the climate targets set out in the Paris Agreement, there is urgent need to reallocate significant capital towards investments that will accelerate our transition towards a low-carbon economy.”

She adds that the opportunities to allocate capital to this transition, and the resilience it provides even in the midst of the pandemic, cannot be underestimated. For instance, the electric vehicles (EV) market is maturing fast, with global sales rising 43% in 2020 despite an overall slump in car sales². Within the next decade, EVs are expected to be the greenest and cheapest form of transport. This expansion will provide tremendous growth opportunities, not only for companies that supply the vehicles, but across the entire production chain.

“At Schroders, we have been successfully managing climate change equity portfolios as one of the pioneers since 2007, and have invested ahead in developing award-winning proprietary tools, providing robust analysis to help our investment teams assess the opportunities and risks arising from the disruptions. As an active asset manager, we also play a pivotal role in engaging with companies to re-orient towards a decarbonised economy. Notably, last year we joined 29 other global asset managers representing more than US\$9 trillion in launching the [Net Zero Asset Managers](#) Initiative – it supports us in partnering with our clients and the companies we invest in to drive towards a more sustainable future for all.

“We are delighted to partner with Affin Hwang AM for the distribution of the Fund, as we believe that it will appeal to the growing number of investors in Malaysia who want to tap opportunities arising from disruptions in climate change,” Lily said.

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The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term period. 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 \$5,000 for all listed currency classes.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Fund's Product Highlights Sheet and Information Memorandum dated 25 March 2021 before investing. Investors who are keen to learn more about the Fund can visit <https://affinhwangam.com/> and invest through any of Affin Hwang AM sales offices.

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About Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

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

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achieved an exponential growth in its total assets under administration ("AUA"). As at 28 February 2021, the total AUA, comprising in-house unit trust funds as well as corporate and discretionary portfolios stood at approximately RM75.9 billion (combined AUA of Affin Hwang AM and AIIMAN).

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