

Press Release

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**AFFIN HWANG ASSET MANAGEMENT LAUNCHED A NEW FUND
WITH ACCESS INTO GLOBAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

KUALA LUMPUR – Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (“Affin Hwang AM” or the “Company”) launched Affin Hwang Global Equity Fund (“GEF” or the “Fund”) today. The Fund is a wholesale equity feeder fund which seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long-term period by investing in collective investment scheme, namely Nikko AM Shenton Global Opportunities Fund (“the Target Fund”), a Singapore-domiciled fund of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. The Fund will invest minimum 70% of the Fund’s NAV in the Target Fund and maximum 30% of the Fund’s NAV in money market instruments, fixed deposits and/or liquid assets. The Target Fund primarily invests in equities of developed and emerging markets.

The Target Fund is an open-ended stand-alone unit trust established under the laws of Singapore. The Target Fund Manager, Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, a company domiciled in the Republic of Singapore, is licensed and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The Target Fund Manager has managed collective investment schemes or discretionary funds in Singapore since 1982. The Target Fund Manager has appointed Nikko Asset Management Europe Ltd (“NAM Europe”), a company domiciled in the United Kingdom, as the sub-manager of the Target Fund. NAM Europe has been managing collective investment schemes or discretionary funds for approximately 30 years. NAM Europe is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom.

Chan Ai Mei, Chief Marketing Officer of Affin Hwang AM said, “This Fund provides investors access to global investment opportunities through a portfolio of equities listed on global markets. GEF is built with a flexible asset allocation which allows the Fund to be fully invested into the Target Fund during normal market conditions or raise cash levels during adverse market conditions to protect investors’ capital for their peace of mind.”

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As of 30 October 2015, the Target Fund achieved:

	Year-to-date	1 Year	2 Year
Total Return	10.09%	13.88%	24.83%
Annualised Return	12.24%	13.88%	11.73%

Source: Lipper as at 30 October 2015

Note: Past performance of the Target Fund is not indication of the future performance of the Fund. The Fund will invest minimum 70% of the Fund's NAV in the Target Fund and maximum 30% of the Fund's NAV in money market instruments, fixed deposits and/or liquid assets.

The Target Fund is managed based on a high conviction strategy which is centred around a disciplined team-based process to build portfolios of high conviction ideas across the globe. The Target Fund typically holds a concentrated portfolio of between 40 to 60 stocks, and is benchmark agnostic resulting in a high active share of 80%-95%. This strategy allows the portfolio to buy into high conviction ideas as opposed to investing based on styles in fashion. The global equity portfolio management team has an average industry experience of 19 years with all team members carrying out a dual role of portfolio manager and analyst, with a global sector approach. The team is based in Edinburgh, a proven centre of excellence for global equity fund managers.

GEF is a growth fund that seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long-term period through investments in European equities. The Fund is suitable for seek capital growth from their investments, have a medium to long-term investment horizon, want exposure into global markets and are able to withstand more volatile market movements. The Fund is available in three (3) currency classes; SGD Class, MYR Class and USD Class. The offer period of GEF is not more than 21 days, starting 23 November 2015 until 11 December 2015.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Fund's Product Highlights Sheet and Information Memorandum dated 23 November 2015 before investing. Visit www.affinhwangam.com for more information on the Fund.

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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 8 main sales offices located in Peninsular and East Malaysia. They are in Penang, Ipoh, Petaling Jaya, 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 a 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.

Since its inception in 2001, Affin Hwang AM has achieved an exponential growth in its total assets under management (AUM). As at 31 October 2015, the total AUM, comprising in-house unit trust funds as well as corporate and discretionary portfolios stood at approximately RM 32.4 billion (combined AUM of Affin Hwang AM and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Asian Islamic Investment Management).

Affin Hwang AM’s investment philosophy is premised on delivering absolute returns to investors over a 3 years rolling period.

Recent Awards:

Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

- 1. The Asset Triple A Asset Servicing, Investor and Fund Management Awards 2015** (*announced in May 2015*)
 - Long-only Equity Fund Manager of the Year - Small and Mid cap – Gan Eng Peng (*for Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund*)
 - Long-only Fixed Income Fund Manager of the Year - Highly commended – Esther Teo (*for Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund*)
- 2. AsianInvestor Asset Management Awards 2015** (*announced in April 2015*)
 - Fund House of the Year, Malaysia – Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad
- 3. EPF External Portfolio Managers** (*announced in April 2015*)
 - Best Domestic Equity Portfolio Manager Year 2014 – Second Place
- 4. Morningstar Awards 2015 | Malaysia** (*announced in February 2015*)
 - Best MYR Allocation Fund - Affin Hwang Select Income Fund
- 5. The Edge | Lipper Fund Awards 2015** (*announced in February 2015*)
 - Mixed Asset MYR Conservative, over 5 Years - Affin Hwang Select Income Fund
- 6. The Asset Benchmark Research Awards 2015** (*announced in November 2015*)
 - Most Astute Investor in Asian G3 Bonds for 2015, Malaysia, Rank 2 – Esther Teo
 - Most Astute Investor in Asian Currency Bond, Malaysia, Rank no.4 – Sean Ramsey

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Asian Islamic Investment Management Sdn. Bhd. (AIIMAN)

1. **Asia Asset Management 2014 Best of the Best Awards** (*announced in January 2015*)
 - Best Islamic Product, Malaysia - Asian Islamic Investment Management (*for Affin Hwang Aiiman Growth Fund*)
2. **2015 IFN Islamic Investor Awards** (*announced in November 2015*)
 - Best Islamic Asset Management Company in Asia - Asian Islamic Investment Management

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Warning Statement

A Product Highlights Sheet is available for Affin Hwang Global Equity Fund, and investors have the right to request for a copy of it.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Product Highlights Sheet and Information Memorandum dated 23 November 2015 before investing. The Information Memorandum has been registered as well as the Product Highlights Sheet has been lodged with the Securities Commission Malaysia, who takes no responsibility for its contents. A copy of the Information Memorandum and Product Highlights Sheet can be obtained at Affin Hwang AM sales offices.

Units will only be issued upon receipt of an application form referred to in and accompanying the Information Memorandum and Product Highlights Sheet. There are fees and charges involved when investing in the fund. Investors are advised to consider the fees and charges carefully before investing. The price of units and distribution payable, if any, may go down as well as up and past performance of the fund should not be taken as indicative of its future performance. If you plan to purchase units of the fund via loan financing, you are advised to read and understand the contents of the "Unit Trust Loan Financing Disclosure Statement" before deciding to borrow to purchase units.
