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## Affin Hwang AM Declares Income Distribution of RM116 million for 20 Funds

**KUALA LUMPUR** – Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (“Affin Hwang AM” or “the Company”) has declared a total of RM116.77 million distributions for 20 funds in December. The income distributions were distributed across the Company’s retail and wholesale funds. Inclusive of this latest round of income distribution, the total payout amounted to RM372.97 million for the full calendar year 2018.

The income distributions for the Select Series and World Series Funds are shown in the table below:

| No. | Fund  | Income Distribution      |
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| 1.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select Dividend Fund (“SDF”)</b>                           | 1.00 sen per unit        |
| 2.  | <b>Affin Hwang Aiiman Select Income Fund (“ASIF”)</b>                     | 1.50 sen per unit        |
| 3.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund (“SAPDF”)</b> | 1.50 sen per unit        |
| 4.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select AUD Income Fund (AUD Class) (“SAUDIF”)</b>          | 0.50 cent per unit (AUD) |
|     | <b>Affin Hwang Select AUD Income Fund (MYR Class) (“SAUDIF”)</b>          | 1.00 sen per unit        |
| 5.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select Balanced Fund (“SBalF”)</b>                         | 2.00 sen per unit        |
| 6.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund (MYR Class) (“SBoF”)</b>                  | 1.00 sen per unit        |
|     | <b>Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund (USD-Hedged Class) (“SBoF”)</b>           | 1.50 cent (USD)          |
| 7.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select Income Fund (“SIF”)</b>                             | 1.00 sen per unit        |
| 8.  | <b>Affin Hwang Select SGD Income Fund (MYR Class) (“SGDIF”)</b>           | 1.25 sen per unit        |

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|            | <b>Affin Hwang Select SGD Income Fund (SGD Class) ("SGDIF")</b>                                      | 1.00 cent per unit (SGD) |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Dividend Value Fund (AUD Class) ("WS-DVF")</b>                         | 0.50 cent per unit (AUD) |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Dividend Value Fund (MYR Class) ("WS-DVF")</b>                         | 0.50 sen per unit        |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Dividend Value Fund (SGD Class) ("WS-DVF")</b>                         | 0.50 cent per unit (SGD) |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Dividend Value Fund (USD Class) ("WS-DVF")</b>                         | 0.50 cent per unit (USD) |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Global Income Fund (MYR Class) ("WS-GIF")</b>                          | 0.10 sen per unit        |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Global Income Fund (USD Class) ("WS-GIF")</b>                          | 0.10 cent per unit (USD) |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Global Income Fund (GBP-Hedged Class) ("WS-GIF")</b>                   | 0.25 cent per unit (GBP) |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - Global Income Fund (MYR-Hedged Class) ("WS-GIF")</b>                   | 0.25 sen per unit        |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - US Short Duration High Income Fund (MYR Class) ("WS-SDHIF")</b>        | 0.10 sen per unit        |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - US Short Duration High Income Fund (USD Class) ("WS-SDHIF")</b>        | 0.10 cent per unit (USD) |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - US Short Duration High Income Fund (GBP Hedged Class) ("WS-SDHIF")</b> | 0.25 cent per unit (GBP) |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - US Short Duration High Income Fund (MYR-Hedged Class) ("WS-SDHIF")</b> | 0.25 sen per unit        |
|            | <b>Affin Hwang World Series - US Short Duration High Income Fund (SGD-Hedged Class) ("WS-SDHIF")</b> | 0.25 cent per unit (SGD) |

**Chan Ai Mei, Chief Marketing & Distribution Officer of Affin Hwang AM** said, "As we enter 2019, we remain confident that our portfolios are well positioned to weather the volatility ahead. Whilst, the market faces some headwinds from the ongoing US-China trade war and slower growth, we do see opportunities to bargain-hunt as valuations have become more attractive in certain market segments."

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“There could be a return of foreign fund flows to emerging markets amidst growing consensus of an earlier pause to the US rate hike cycle and the dollar strength now tapering off, as current investor positioning has been light with lots of money at the side-lines. We advise investors to keep perspective and take the opportunity to build their positions for the long-term through a diversified portfolio capable of enduring all types of market cycles.”

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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 achieved an exponential growth in its total assets under administration (“AUA”). As at 30 November 2018, the total AUA, comprising in-house unit trust funds as well as corporate and discretionary portfolios stood at approximately RM48.4 billion (combined AUA of Affin Hwang AM and AIIMAN).

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### **Warning Statement**

A Product Highlights Sheet ("PHS") is available for SDF, ASIF, SAPDF, SAUDIF, SBaIF, SBoF, SIF, SGDIF, WS-DVF, WS-GIF and WS-SDHIF and investors have the right to request for a copy of it.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the PHS and Prospectus dated 1 March 2017 for ASIF, dated 24 December 2018 for SDF, SAPDF, dated 26 September 2018 for SAUDIF and SGDIF, dated 18 July 2017 for SBaIF, SBoF and Information Memorandum ("IM") dated 8 June 2015, First Supplemental IM dated 13 April 2016, Second Supplemental IM dated 15 August 2016 for WS-DVF, IM dated 21 February 2018 for WS-GIF and WS-SDHIF before investing.

The Prospectus has been registered, the IM and Supplemental IM as well as the PHS have been lodged with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. A copy of the Prospectus, IM, Supplemental IM and PHS can be obtained at Affin Hwang AM's sales offices. Units will only be issued upon receipt of an application form referred to in and accompanying the Prospectus, IM, Supplemental IM and PHS. 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.

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