APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232 - A)]

QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report on consolidated results for the financial quarter ended 31 March 2022 The figures have not been audited.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	CURRENT YEAR QUARTER 31-Mar-22	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE QUARTER 31-Mar-21	CURRENT YEAR TO DATE 31-Mar-22	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE PERIOD 31-Mar-21 (Restated)	
	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	
Continuing Operations :					
Revenue	9,861	16,464	9,861	16,464	
Operating Expenses	(7,954)	(10,145)	(7,954)	(10,145)	
Other Operating Income	1,134	471	1,134	471	
Profit From Operations	3,041	6,790	3,041	6,790	
Finance Costs	(16)	(21)	(16)	(21)	
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	3,025	6,769	3,025	6,769	
Taxation	(858)	(1,708)	(858)	(1,708)	
Profit/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061	
Other Comprehensive Income:					
Gain/(loss) on Available For Sale Investments	-	-	-	-	
Income Tax Relating To Other Components Of Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	
Total Comprehensive Income For The Period	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061	
Profit Attributable to :					
Equity holders of the parent	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061	
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	
	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061	
Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to :					
Equity holders of the parent	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061	
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	
	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061	
EPS (sen) : Basic : Diluted	1.07	2.50	1.07	2.50	

(The Condensed Consolidated Income Statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021)

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APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)] CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION AS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	AS AT 31-Mar-22 RM' 000	AS AT 31-Dec-21 (Audited) RM' 000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets Property, Plant and Equipment Investment Properties Rights of Use Assets Other asset	12,189 27,091 425 4,119 43,824	11,969 27,093 618 4,045 43,725
Current Assets Marketable Securities Held for Trading Receivables	2,354 119,651	2,242 136,067
Fixed Deposits With Financial Institutions Cash and Short Term Funds	218 204,569	214 196,305
Non-current Asset Held for Sale - Associate Company	326,792 - 326,792	334,828 4,904 339,732
TOTAL ASSETS	370,616	383,457
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent Share Capital Reserves Treasury Shares Minority Interests TOTAL EQUITY Non-Current Liabilities Lease Liabilities	221,940 122,447 (7,459) 336,928 - 336,928	221,940 120,280 (7,459) 334,761 - 334,761
Current Liabilities	105	197
Payables Lease Liabilities Taxation Bank Borrowings TOTAL LIABILITIES	28,217 365 - 5,001 33,583 33,688	42,516 362 613 5,008 48,499 48,696
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	370,616	383,457
Net assets per share (RM)	1.66	1.65

(The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021)

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)] CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Share Capital RM`000	Fair Value Reserve RM`000	Unappropriated Profit RM`000	Treasury Shares RM`000	Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent RM`000	Non- Controlling Interest RM`000	Total Equity RM`000
3 months ended 31 March 2022							
Balance at beginning of year 2021	221,940	2,131	118,149	(7,459)	334,761	-	334,761
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	2,167	-	2,167	-	2,167
Balance at end of period 2021	221,940	2,131	120,316	(7,459)	336,928	-	336,928
3 months ended 31 March 2021 Balance at beginning of year 2021 As previously stated	221,940	2,131	102,750	(7,459)	319,362	_	319,362
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-,.51	5,061	-	5,061	-	5,061
Balance at end of period 2020	221,940	2,131	107,811	(7,459)	324,423	-	324,423

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021)

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)] CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	3 months ended 31-Mar-22 RM' 000	3 months ended 31-Mar-21 RM' 000
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax	3,025	6,769
Adjustments for :-		
Non-cash items - Depreciation - Gain on disposal of an associate company - Unrealised (gain)/loss on marketable securities held for trading - (Reversal)/provision of impairment loss on receivables Non-operating items (which are investing/financing)	228 (280) (33) (456) (3,429)	175 - 6 60 (3,052)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	(945)	3,958
Changes in working capital Net change in current assets Net change in current liabilities Dividend Income Interest income Interest expense Income tax paid Tax refund	16,792 (14,388) - 3,445 (16) (1,542)	6,567 (1,785) - 3,073 (21) (1,281)
Net cash flows from operating activities	3,346	10,511
Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment Proceeds from disposal of an associate company Withdrawal/(placement) of fixed deposits Net cash in investing activities	(254) 5,184 (4) 4,926	(6) (6)
Net change in Cash & Cash Equivalents	8,272	10,505
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	191,296	149,884
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	199,568	160,389
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period comprise: Cash,Bank Balances and Deposits Bank Overdrafts	204,569 (5,001) 199,568	165,391 (5,002) 160,389

(The Condensed Consolidated Cashflow Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021)

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Notes (In compliance with MFRS 134)

1. Basis of Preparation and Group Accounting Policies

The quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and Chapter 9 Part K of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The quarterly financial statements have been prepared based on accounting policies and method of computation consistent with those adopted in the most recent Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

2. Condensed Financial Statements

This set of Quarterly Condensed Financial Statements ("QCFS") should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

3. Audit Report

The Audit Report of the Company's preceding Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 was not subject to any qualification.

4. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The Group's business operations are not subject to any seasonal or cyclical factors. However, it's business is influenced largely by the stock market velocity and any retail market cycles and sentiments that may affect its trading volumes and revenue.

5. Unusual Items

The Group's assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows were not affected by any unusual items.

6. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or in prior financial years, which have a material effect in the current quarter.

7. Debt and Equity Securities

There have been no issuance, cancellations, repurchase, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the 3 months ended 31 March 2022.

8. Dividends Paid

Dividends paid by the Company since the end of previous financial year were as follows:-

- (i) 4th interim single tier dividend of 1 sen per share amounting to RM2,026,402 on 6 April 2022 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021; and
- (ii) a special single tier dividend of 9 sen per share amounting to RM18,237,600 on 6 April 2022 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

9. Segment Analysis

The basis of segmentation is based on operating segment. The Group's operating segments are as follows:

- (i) Stock and securities broking
- (ii) Property holding and property development
- (iii) Money lending
- (iv) Investment holdings and others

The segment information for the current period is as follows:

Period ended 31 March 2022	Investment holdings and others	Stock and Securities broking	Property Holding & Property Development	Money Lending *	Total
Revenue from external	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
customers	5	9,753	103	-	9,861
Inter-segment revenue	201	0	339	-	540
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	(366)	2,912	479	-	3,025
Total segment assets Less: elimination	237,765	253,650	119,499	<u>-</u>	610,914
Group total				-	(240,298) 370,616

^{*} Temporarily cease operations

Period ended 31 March 2021	Investment holdings and others	Stock and securities broking	Property Holding & Property Development	Money lending *	Total
Revenue from external	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
customers	6	16,318	140	-	16,464
Inter-segment revenue	57	0	346	-	403
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	(68)	6,467	370	-	6,769
Total segment assets	243,722	248,003	117,761		609,486
Less: elimination Group total					(238,878) 370,608

10. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

11. Material Events Subsequent to Reporting Quarter

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter.

12. Changes in Composition of the Group

There were no significant changes in the composition of the Company during the quarter, including business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long-term investments, restructuring and discontinued operations, other than as follows:

(i) On 23 March 2021, JF Apex Securities Berhad, a subsidiary of the Company has entered into Share Sale Agreement with certain third parties (who are acting together as purchasers) for the proposed disposal of its entire 43% equity interest representing 10,105,000 issued and fully paid-up ordinary shares in its associate, Astitute Fund Management Berhad ("AFMB") (formerly known as Apex Investment Services Berhad), for a cash consideration of RM5,183,865.

AFMB has ceased as an associate company of the Group upon completion of disposal on 9 March 2022.

13. Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no contingent assets and contingent liabilities as at the date of this condensed consolidated interim financial report other than contingent liabilities as disclosed in the Note 23.

14. Related Party Transaction

There were no significant transactions with related party during the 3 months ended 31 March 2022.

Additional information required by the Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd Listing Requirements

15. Review of Group Results

The Group's results for the current 3 months ended 31 March 2022 registered lower revenue of RM9.86 million as compared to RM16.46 million in the corresponding period due to lower brokerage income on lower securities transactions. Consequently, profit before tax decreased 55% to RM3.03 million as compared to RM6.77 million in the corresponding period. The performance analysis of various active segments is set out below:

Stock and futures broking : Profit before tax decreased 55% to RM2.91 million as

compared to RM6.64 million in the corresponding period due to lower brokerage income on lower securities

transactions.

Property holding and property development

: Profit before tax increased 30% to RM0.48 million from RM0.37 million in the corresponding period due to higher

interest income.

Investment holding and

others

: Recorded a higher loss before tax of RM0.37 million as compared to RM0.07 million in the corresponding period

due to higher expenses.

16. Explanatory Comments on Any Material Change in the Profit Before taxation for the Quarter Reported on as Compared with the Immediate Preceding Quarter

The Group recorded lower revenue of RM9.61 million in the current quarter as compared to RM10.06 million in the preceding quarter due to lower brokerage income on lower securities transaction. Consequently, profit before tax decreased 8% to RM3.03 million as compared to RM3.28 million in the preceding quarter.

17. Prospect

As most emerging market ("EM") economies continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and inflation risks now dominate the outlook. The circumstances surrounding geopolitical tensions continue to evolve quickly in unexpected ways, and the implications for global economies are highly uncertain. The conflict is likely to adversely affect economic activity for most parts of the emerging world and raise inflationary pressure broadly including Malaysia as one of EM economies.

The Malaysian equity market has been subdued for the past quarter due to weak sentiment and this trend is expected to continue into the next quarter.

Amidst the adverse business environment, the Group envisages a challenging outlook for the quarter ahead. Nevertheless, the Group is cautiously optimistic that the stockbroking business to remain profitable.

18. Profit Forecast or Profit Guarantee

The Group has not entered into any scheme that requires it to present forecast results or guarantee any profits.

19. Taxation

		Cumulative Quarter		
Current Year Preceding Year		Current Year To	Preceding Year	
Quarter	Comparative	date	Comparative	
	Quarter		Period	
31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2021	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2021	
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
858	1.708	858	1,708	
-	-	-	-	
858	1.708	858	1.708	
	Current Year Quarter 31-Mar-2022 RM'000	Quarter Comparative Quarter 31-Mar-2022 31-Mar-2021 RM'000 RM'000 858 1,708 - -	Current Year Quarter Preceding Year Comparative Quarter Current Year To date 31-Mar-2022 31-Mar-2021 31-Mar-2022 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 858 1,708 858 - - -	

Previous years under/(over) provision

The effective tax rate for the 12 months ended 31 December 2021 is higher than the statutory income tax rate due to certain expenses are not allow for tax.

20. Status of Corporate Proposals

Current year tax expense

The Company does not have any corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the end of the current quarter and the date of issue of this quarterly report.

21. Group Borrowings

The Group's borrowings as at 31 March 2022: -

	RM'000
Bank Overdraft - Secured	5,001
Total short term borrowings	5,001

22. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

There were no contracts involving off balance sheet risk as at the end of the current quarter and the date of issue of the quarterly report.

23. Material Litigation

There was no material litigation as at the date of issue of the quarterly report, which in the opinion of the directors would have a material adverse effect on the financial results of the Group, other than as follows:

(A) Federal Court Civil Application No. 08(f)-399-09/2021(W)

On 17 September 2021, the Company filed an application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court ("Leave Application") against the entire decision of the Court of Appeal, which allowed Appeal 1551 (as disclosed in Noted (B) below).

The Leave Application originally fixed for hearing on 10 May 2022 was vacated by the Federal Court due to the reorganization of cases.

The Federal Court has now fixed the Leave Application for hearing on 10 August 2022.

(B) Court of Appeal Civil Appeal No. W-02(IM)(NCC)-1551-08/2019 ("Appeal 1551")

On 25 February 2019, Concrete Parade Sdn. Bhd. ("Concrete Parade"), a corporate shareholder of the Company filed an oppression suit vide Kuala Lumpur High Court Originating Summons No. WA-24NCC-56-02/2019 ("OS 56") against amongst others, the Company and JF Apex seeking amongst others a declaration that the Heads of Agreement and the Business Merger Agreement ("BMA") related to the Proposed Merger*, as illegal and/or unlawful and/or null and void.

On 7 August 2019, the High Court dismissed OS 56. Concrete Parade subsequently appealed to the Court of Appeal against the dismissal of OS 56 vide Appeal 1551. The hearing of Appeal 1551 concluded on 18 February 2021 with decision reserved to 18 August 2021.

On 16 April 2021, the Company announced that Mercury Securities Sdn Bhd ("Mercury") had vide its letter dated 15 April 2021 informed the Company that it was not seeking a further extension of the Conditions Fulfillment Period for the BMA which had been mutually extended for 10 times for a period of more than 2 years. As a result, the BMA had lapsed, and the Proposed Merger has been discontinued.

In light that the BMA had lapsed, the Company had through its solicitors informed Court of Appeal of this development.

On 18 August 2021, the Court of Appeal allowed Appeal 1551 with costs.

On 7 February 2022, the Company obtained an order from the Court of Appeal to stay part of the Court of Appeal of 18 August 2021 where the Company need not sell the treasury shares held by it pending the disposal of its application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court, as disclosed in (A) above.

Proposed merger of businesses of the Company and Mercury for a consideration of RM140m

^{*} Proposed Merger -

24. Profit before tax is arrived at after (charging)/crediting:

	Individu	al Quarter	Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Comparative Quarter	Current Year To Date	Preceding Year Comparative Period
	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2021	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2021
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
- Interest expenses	(16)	(21)	(16)	(21)
- Depreciation	(228)	(176)	(228)	(176)
- Dividend income	*	-	*	-
- Change in fair value of	33	(6)	33	(6)
marketable securities				
- Gain on disposal of an				
associate company	280	-	280	-
- Gain/(loss) on marketable	(254)	581	(254)	581
securities				
- Interest income	3,445	3,073	3,445	3,073
- (Provision)/Write-back of	457	(60)	457	(60)
impairment loss for				
receivables				
- Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	26	21	26	21

^{*} less than RM1,000

25. Earnings per Share

The basic earnings per share have been calculated based on the following:

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year	Current Year Preceding Year		Preceding Year
	Quarter	Comparative	Date	Comparative
		Quarter		Period
	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2021	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2021
Net profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent				
(RM'000)	2,167	5,061	2,167	5,061
No of ordinary shares in issued				
(,000)	213,563	213,563	213,563	213,563
Less: treasury shares ('000)	(10,923)	(10,923)	(10,923)	(10,923)
Adjusted number of ordinary				
shares ('000)	202,640	202,640	202,640	202,640
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Basic earnings per share (Sen)	1.07	2.50	1.07	2.50

26. <u>Dividends</u>

The Board of Directors does not recommend payment of dividend in respect of the financial period ended 31 March 2022.