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

QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report on consolidated results for the financial quarter ended 31 December 2021 The figures have not been audited.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	INDIVIDU	JAL QUARTER	CUMULATI	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	CURRENT YEAR QUARTER 31-Dec-21	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE QUARTER 31-Dec-20	CURRENT YEAR TO DATE 31-Dec-21	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE PERIOD 31-Dec-20		
	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	(Restated) RM' 000		
Continuing Operations :						
Revenue	10,059	16,375	88,419	57,154		
Operating Expenses	(7,314)	(10,252)	(65,429)	(36,614)		
Other Operating Income	552	314	4,200	3,176		
Profit From Operations	3,297	6,437	27,190	23,716		
Finance Costs	(19)	(16)	(71)	(91)		
Investing Results	-	-	-	-		
Share of Profit of Equity Accounted Assosiate, Net of Tax	-	(64)	-	(299)		
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	3,278	6,357	27,119	23,326		
Taxation	(924)	(1,921)	(5,643)	(6,113)		
Profit/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213		
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	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213		
Profit Attributable to :						
Equity holders of the parent	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213		
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-		
	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213		
Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to :						
Equity holders of the parent	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213		
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-		
	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213		
EPS (sen) : Basic : Diluted	1.16 -	2.19	10.60	8.49 -		

(The Condensed Consolidated Income Statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020)

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)] CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION AS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	AS AT 31-Dec-21	AS AT 31-Dec-20 (Audited)
	RM' 000	RM' 000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets	44.000	40.450
Property , Plant and Equipment Rights of Use Assets	11,969 618	12,150 711
Investment Properties	27,093	27,101
Investment in an Associate Company Other asset	4,045	4,904 4,029
Other asset	43,725	48,895
Current Assets		
Marketable Securities Held for Trading	2,242	-
Receivables Fixed Deposits With Financial Institutions	136,066 214	132,420 208
Cash and Short Term Funds	196,305	154,887
	334,827	287,515
Non-current Asset Held for Sale - Associate Company	4,904	-
Non-current Asset Held for Sale - Development Land	-	30,500
	339,731	318,015
TOTAL ASSETS	383,456	366,910
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent		
Share Capital	221,940	221,940
Reserves	120,279	104,884
Treasury Shares	(7,459)	(7,459)
Minority Interests	334,760	319,365
TOTAL EQUITY	334,760	319,365
Non-Current Liabilities	107	404
Lease Liabilities	197 197	401 401
Current Liabilities		
Payables	42,516	40,110
Lease Liabilities Bank Borrowings	362 5,008	250 5,004
Taxation	613	1,780
	48,499	47,144
TOTAL LIABILITIES	48,696	47,545
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	383,456	366,910
Net assets per share (RM)	1.65	1.58

(The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020)

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)] CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	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
12 months ended 31 December 2021							
Balance at beginning of year 2021	221,940	2,131	102,750	(7,459)	319,362	-	319,362
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	21,476	-	21,476	-	21,476
Shares buy-back	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	-	(6,078)	-	(6,078)	-	(6,078)
Balance at end of period 2021	221,940	2,131	118,148	(7,459)	334,760	-	334,760
12 months ended 31 December 2020							
Balance at beginning of year 2020 As previously stated	221,940	* 2,131	85,540	(7,459)	302,152	-	302,152
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	17,213	-	17,213	-	17,213
Shares buy-back	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of period 2020	221,940	2,131	102,753	(7,459)	319,365	-	319,365

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020)

APEX EQUITY HOLDINGS BERHAD [199001016563 (208232-A)] CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	12 months ended 31-Dec-21 RM' 000	12 months ended 31-Dec-20 RM' 000
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax	27,119	23,326
Adjustments for :-		
Non-cash items	(833)	947
Non-operating items (which are investing/financing)	(13,539)	(12,482)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	12,747	11,791
Changes in working capital		
Net change in current assets	25,989	(8,617)
Net change in current liabilities	2,315	13,219
Dividend Income	197	196
Interest income	13,413	12,377
Interest expense	(71)	(91)
Income tax paid Tax refund	(6,810) -	(4,864) 683
Net cash flows from operating activities	47,780	24,694
Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(282)	(25)
Withdrawal/(placement) of fixed deposits	(6)	(7)
Net cash in investing activities	(288)	(32)
Financing Activities		
Dividends paid	(6,079)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(6,079)	-
Net change in Cash & Cash Equivalents	41,413	24,662
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	149,884	125,222
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	191,297	149,884
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period comprise :		
Cash,Bank Balances and Deposits	196,305	154,888
Bank Overdrafts	(5,008)	(5,004)
	191,297	149,884
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(The Condensed Consolidated Cashflow Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020)

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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 2020.

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 2020.

3. Audit Report

The Audit Report of the Company's preceding Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 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 12 months ended 31 December 2021.

8. Dividends Paid

The Company had paid:

- (i) 1st interim single tier dividend of 1 sen per share amounting to RM2,026,402 on 30 June 2021 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021;
- (ii) 2nd interim single tier dividend of 1 sen per share amounting to RM2,026,402 on 30 September 2021 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021;
 and
- (iii) 3rd interim single tier dividend of 1 sen per share amounting to RM2,026,402 on 28 December 2021 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:

Year ended 31 Dec 2021	Investment holdings and	Stock and Securities	Property Holding &	Money Lending	Total
	others	broking	Property	*	
			Development		
Revenue from external	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
customers	36	50,846	37,537	-	88,419
Inter-segment revenue	365	0	1,364		1,729
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	(194)	21,041	6,272	<u>-</u>	27,119
Total segment assets	238,071	267,080	119,219	-	624,370
Less: elimination					(240,913)
Group total					383,457

^{*} Temporarily cease operations

Year ended 31 Dec 2020	Investment holdings and others	Stock and securities broking	Property Holding & Property Development	Money lending *	Total
Revenue from	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
external customers	22	56,513	619	-	57,154
Inter-segment revenue	3,117	0	1,384	-	4,501
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	(1,155)	22,135	2,645	-	23,625
Share of loss of an associate	-	(299)	-	-	(299)
Total segment assets	245,146	242,948	117,593		23,326
Less: elimination Group total	243,140	242,940	117,393		(238,780) 366,907

10. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Valuations of property, plant and equipment have been brought forward without amendment from the previous Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

11. Material Events Subsequent to Reporting Quarter

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter that have not been reflected in the QCFS.

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.

13. Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the Previous Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

14. Related Party Transaction

There were no significant transactions with related party during the 12 months ended 31 December 2021.

Additional information required by the Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd Listing Requirements

15. Review of Group Results

The Group's results for the current 12 months ended 31 December 2021 registered higher revenue of RM88.42 million as compared to RM57.15 million in the corresponding period due to revenue of RM37 million derived from disposal of development land. Profit before tax increased 16.25% to RM27.12 million as compared to RM23.33 million in the corresponding period. The performance analysis of various active segments is set out below:

Stock and futures broking : Profit before tax decreased 5% to RM21.04 million as

compared to RM22.14 million in the corresponding

period due to lower brokerage income.

Property holding and : Profit before tax increased 137% to RM6.27 million from property development : RM2.65 million in the corresponding period due to higher

RM2.65 million in the corresponding period due to higher gain on disposal of land of RM4.42 million as compared

to RM0.79 million recorded in the corresponding period.

Investment holding and others

: Recorded a lower loss before tax of RM0.02 million as compared to RM1.16 million in the corresponding period due to lower expenses and interest income of RM0.32

million from the deposit placed for the proposed merger.

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 RM10.06 million in the current quarter as compared to RM48.36 million in the preceding quarter due to revenue from disposal of development land of RM37 million in the preceding quarter. Profit before tax decreased to RM3.28 million as compared to RM9.23 million in the preceding quarter due to gain of RM4.42 million from disposal of development land in the preceding quarter.

17. Prospect

Malaysia's macro outlook is expected to be more positive in 2022, given the high level of Covid-19 vaccination rates and reopening of the economy that prompts a revival in economic activities.

However, the introduction of Cukai Makmur or prosperity tax and higher stamp duty on shares transaction may adversely affect investors' sentiment.

In view of the foregoing, the Group envisages a more subdued outlook for the stockbroking industry in 2022.

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

	Individua	l Quarter	Cumulative Quarter				
	Current Year	Preceding Year	Current Year To	Preceding Year			
	Quarter	Comparative	date	Comparative			
		Quarter		Period			
	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020			
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000			
	924	1,921	5,663	6,148			
vision	-	-	(20)	(35)			
	924	1,921	5,643	6,113			

Current year tax expense Previous years under/(over) provision

The effective tax rate for the 12 months ended 31 December 2021 is lower than the statutory income tax rate due to utilisation of unabsorbed business losses carried forward from previous financial years.

20. Status of Corporate Proposals

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 except the following: -

(i) Proposed disposal of 43% shareholding in Apex Investment Services Berhad ("AISB"), an associate company of JF Apex Securities Berhad, for a cash consideration of RM5.18m.

This is pending regulatory approval.

21. Group Borrowings

The Group's borrowings as at 31 December 2021: -

	RM'000
Bank Overdraft - Secured	5,008
Total short term borrowings	5,008

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 new 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 is fixed for hearing on 28 February 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 Head 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.

On 20 November 2019, Concrete Parade obtained an order from the Court of Appeal to stay the proceedings in OS 345 as disclosed in Note (C) below, pending the disposal of Appeal 1551. The hearing of Appeal 1551 finally concluded on 18 February 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 Fulfilment 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.

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

(C) Court of Appeal Civil Appeal No. W-02(IM)/(NCC)-1089-05/2021 ("Appeal 1089")

On 30 April 2021, Pinerains's application for assessment of damages pertaining to Kuala Lumpur High Court Originating Summons No. WA-24NCC-345-06/2019 ("OS345") was allowed with nominal damages of RM5,000. No cost was awarded to Pinerains. Pinerains had on 25 May 2021 filed an appeal via Court of Appeal No. W-02(IM)/(NCC)-1089-05/2021 ("**Appeal 1089**") against the decision of the High Court.

Appeal 1089 was fixed for hearing on 5 January 2022.

The Court of Appeal had on 5 January 2022 allowed the Appeal 1089 and awarded a sum of RM300,000.00 as damages to Pinerains. There was no order as to costs.

^{*} 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-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
- Interest expenses	(19)	(16)	(71)	(91)	
- Depreciation	(210)	(174)	(782)	(745)	
- Dividend income	*	-	197	196	
- Change in fair value of	(60)	-	37	-	
marketable securities					
- Gain/(loss) on marketable	(86)	1	810	16	
securities					
- Gain on disposal of land	-	-	4,422	792	
- Interest income	3,641	3,276	13,413	12,377	
- (Provision)/Write-back of	(447)	13	1,359	97	
impairment loss for					
receivables					
- Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	8	8	15	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 To	Preceding Year
	Quarter	Comparative	Date	Comparative
	31-Dec-2021	Quarter 31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2021	Period 31-Dec-2020
Not profit/(loss) attributable to	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent				
(RM'000)	2,354	4,436	21,476	17,213
No of ordinary shares in issued				
('000)	213,563	213,563	213,563	213,563
Less: treasury shares ('000)	(10,923)	,	,	(10,923)
Adjusted number of ordinary				
shares ('000)	202,640	202,640	202,640	202,640
Basic earnings per share (Sen)	1.16	2.19	10.60	8.49

26. <u>Dividends</u>

The Board has declared a fourth interim single-tier dividend of 1.0 sen per ordinary share amounting to RM2,026,402 and a special interim single-tier dividend of 9.0 sen per ordinary share amounting to RM18,237,619 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021.