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

QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report on consolidated results for the financial quarter ended 30 September 2021 The figures have not been audited.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATI	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	CURRENT YEAR QUARTER 30-Sep-21	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE QUARTER 30-Sep-20	CURRENT YEAR TO DATE 30-Sep-21	PRECEDING YEAR COMPARATIVE PERIOD 30-Sep-20		
	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	(Restated) RM' 000		
Continuing Operations :						
Revenue	48,359	18,393	78,360	40,779		
Operating Expenses	(39,600)	(10,908)	(58,115)	(26,362)		
Other Operating Income	489	727	3,648	2,862		
Profit From Operations	9,248	8,212	23,893	17,279		
Finance Costs	(15)	(28)	(52)	(75)		
Investing Results	-	-	-	-		
Share of Profit of Equity Accounted Assosiate, Net of Tax	-	(24)	-	(235)		
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	9,233	8,160	23,841	16,969		
Taxation	(1,093)	(2,016)	(4,719)	(4,192)		
Profit/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777		
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	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777		
Profit Attributable to :						
Equity holders of the parent	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777		
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-		
	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777		
Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to :						
Equity holders of the parent	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777		
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-		
	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777		
EPS (sen) : Basic : Diluted	4.02 -	3.03 -	9.44	6.31 -		

(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 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	AS AT 30-Sep-21	AS AT 31-Dec-20 (Audited)
	RM' 000	RM' 000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property , Plant and Equipment	12,074	12,150
Rights of Use Assets Investment Properties	592	711
Investment in an Associate Company	27,095	27,101 4,904
Other asset	4,041	4,029
	43,802	48,895
Current Assets		
Marketable Securities Held for Trading	502	-
Receivables	123,180	132,418
Fixed Deposits With Financial Institutions	214	208
Cash and Short Term Funds	196,119	154,887
	320,015	287,513
Non-current Asset Held for Sale - Associate Company	4,904	-
Non-current Asset Held for Sale - Development Land	-	30,500
	324,919	318,013
TOTAL ASSETS	368,721	366,908
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent		
Share Capital	221,940	221,940
Reserves	119,951	104,882
Treasury Shares	(7,459)	(7,459)
	334,432	319,363
Minority Interests TOTAL EQUITY	334,432	319,363
	304,432	010,000
Non-Current Liabilities Lease Liabilities	321	401
Lease Liabilities	321	401
Current Liabilities		
Payables	26,832	40,110
Lease Liabilities	323	250
Bank Borrowings	5,003	5,004
Taxation	1,810	1,780
TOTAL LIABILITIES	33,968 34,289	47,144 47,545
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	368,721	366,908
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 30 SEPTEMBER 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
9 months ended 30 September 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	-	-	19,122	-	19,122	-	19,122
Shares buy-back	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	-	(4,052)	-	(4,052)	-	(4,052)
Balance at end of period 2021	221,940	2,131	117,820	(7,459)	334,432	-	334,432
9 months ended 30 September 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	-	-	12,777	-	12,777	-	12,777
Shares buy-back	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of period 2020	221,940	2,131	98,317	(7,459)	314,929	-	314,929

(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 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	9 months ended 30-Sep-21 RM' 000	9 months ended 30-Sep-20 RM' 000
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax	23,841	16,969
Adjustments for :-		
Non-cash items Non-operating items (which are investing/financing)	(1,550) (9,918)	722 (9,222)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	12,373	8,469
Changes in working capital Net change in current assets Net change in current liabilities Dividend Income Interest income Interest expense Income tax paid	41,125 (13,284) 197 9,773 (52) (4,688)	6,413 (4,252) 196 9,101 (75) (3,166)
Net cash flows from operating activities	45,444	16,686
Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment Withdrawal/(placement) of fixed deposits Net cash in investing activities	(154) (6) (160)	(4) (7) (11)
Financing Activities		
Dividends paid Net cash used in financing activities	(4,052) (4,052)	<u>-</u> -
Net change in Cash & Cash Equivalents	41,232	16,675
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	149,884	125,223
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	191,116	141,898
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period comprise : Cash,Bank Balances and Deposits Bank Overdrafts	196,119 (5,003) 191,116	150,001 (8,103) 141,898

(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 9 months ended 30 September 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 ending 31 December 2021; and
- (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 ending 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:

Quarter ended 30 Sep 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	28	40,925	37,407	-	78,360
Inter-segment revenue	233	0	1,025		1,258
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	41	18,077	5,723	-	23,841
Total segment assets Less: elimination	240,013	250,647	120,633	<u>-</u>	611,293
Group total					(242,572) 368,721

^{*} Temporarily cease operations

Quarter ended 30 Sep 2020	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	22	40,253	504	-	40,779
Inter-segment revenue	117	0	1,037	-	1,154
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	(786)	15,737	2,253	-	17,204
Share of loss of an associate	-	(235)	-	-	(235)
Total segment assets	240,639	228,247	113,727	-	582,613
Less: elimination Group total					(235,419) 347,194

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 9 months ended 30 September 2021.

Additional information required by the Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd Listing Requirements

15. Review of Group Results

The Group's results for the current 9 months ended 30 September 2021 registered higher revenue of RM78.36 million as compared to RM40.78 million in the corresponding period due to revenue of RM37 million derived from disposal of development land. Profit before tax increased 40.48% to RM23.84 million as compared to RM16.97 million in the corresponding period. The performance analysis of various active segments is set out below:

Stock and futures broking : Profit before tax increased 15% to RM18.08 million as

compared to RM15.74 million in the corresponding period due to reversal of impairment loss on doubtful

debts of RM1.81m.

Property holding and property development

: Profit before tax increased 154% to RM5.72 million from RM2.25 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 profit before tax of RM0.04 million as compared to a loss before tax of RM0.79 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 higher revenue of RM48.36 million in the current quarter as compared to RM13.54 million in the preceding quarter due to revenue from disposal of development land of RM37 million. Consequently, profit before tax increased to RM9.23 million as compared to RM7.84 million in the preceding quarter due to gain of RM4.42 million from disposal of development land.

17. Prospect

With the gradual reopening of Malaysia's economy as many states enter Phase 4 of National Recovery Plan, which is in tandem with the nation achieving its Covid-19 vaccination threshold, it is expected that Malaysian equities will stage uptrend through 4th quarter of 2021.

The Group envisages that the outlook for stockbroking industry would be positive amid improved investor sentiment on expectation that corporate earnings will continue to strengthen in the coming quarters.

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		
	Quarter	Comparative	date	Comparative	
		Quarter		Period	
	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2020	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
	1,093	2,051	4,739	4,227	
n	-	(35)	(20)	(35)	
	1,093	2,016	4,719	4,192	

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

The effective tax rate for the 9 months ended 30 September 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 30 September 2021: -

	RM'000
Bank Overdraft - Secured	5,003
Total short term borrowings	5,003

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 except as follows:

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

On 17 September 2021, the Company had 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 Proposed merger of businesses of the Company and Mercury for a consideration of RM140m.

(C) Kuala Lumpur High Court Originating Summons No. WA-24NCC-345-06/2019 ("OS 345")

JF Apex and Mercury, filed OS 345 on 1 July 2019 and obtained the Vesting Order from the High Court for the Proposed Merger.

Concrete Parade and another corporate shareholder of the Company, Pinerains Sdn. Bhd. ("Pinerains") applied to intervene in OS345 and set aside the Vesting Order.

On 15 July 2019, Concrete Parade's application to set aside the Vesting Order was allowed. Both Concrete Parade and Pinerains were allowed to intervene in OS 345.

On 18 September 2019, the High Court set aside resolutions passed at the EGM held on 18 June 2019 in respect of the Proposals as the High Court was of view that the shareholders' circular dated 3 June 2019 did not clearly define the assets in the Proposed Merger. Costs of RM100,000 was awarded to Pinerains and damages was ordered to be assessed. OS 345 was however not dismissed.

On 30 April 2021, Pinerains's application for assessment of damages 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.

The hearing of OS345 had been stayed pending the disposal of Appeal 1551.

In light that the BMA had lapsed and the Proposed Merger has been discontinued on 7 September 2021, OS 345 was withdrawn with costs of RM5,000.00 awarded to Concrete Parade and Pinerains respectively.

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

Appeal 1089 is fixed for hearing on 5 January 2022.

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

	Individu	al Quarter	Cumulative Quarter		
	Current Year			Preceding Year	
	Quarter	Comparative Quarter	To Date	Comparative Period	
	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2020	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
- Interest expenses	(15)	(28)	(52)	(75)	
- Depreciation	(162)	(137)	(449)	(447)	
- Dividend income	197	196	197	196	
- Change in fair value of	37	-	97	-	
marketable securities					
- Gain/(loss) on marketable	149	14	896	15	
securities					
- Gain on disposal of land	4,422	-	4,422	792	
- Interest income	3,304	2,963	9,772	9,101	
- (Provision)/Write-back of	(55)	112	1,806	84	
impairment loss for					
receivables					
- Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	*	(3)	15	13	

^{*} 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 Preceding Year		Current Year To Preceding Year	
	Quarter	Comparative	Date	Comparative
	20 Can 2021	Quarter	20 Can 2021	Period
Net profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2021	30-Sep-2020
(RM'000)	8,140	6,144	19,122	12,777
No of ordinary shares in issued				
(000)	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
Basic earnings per share (Sen)	4.02	3.03	9.44	6.31

26. Dividends

The Board has approved and declared a third interim single-tier dividend of 1.0 sen per ordinary share amounting to RM2,026,402 in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2021.