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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

**Alternative Investment Trust (ASX: AIQ)
Placement of Units and other Trust initiatives**

Columbus Investment Services Limited (**Responsible Entity**) in its capacity as the responsible entity of Alternative Investment Trust (ARSN 112 129 218) (**AIQ or Trust**) advises that AIQ has determined to conduct a number of initiatives outlined further below:

- A unit placement to raise A\$3.0 million¹;
- The reinstatement of the distribution reinvestment plan;
- The implementation of an on-market unit buy-back; and
- An upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting to consider several proposals including a 1 for 10 unit consolidation.

Placement

The Responsible Entity advises that AIQ has agreed to issue up to 27.3 million fully paid ordinary units (**Units**) to wholesale investors at 11 cents per Unit (**Placement Price**) to raise A\$3.0 million (**Placement**). The units will be issued in two tranches:

- First, on or about 23 June 2022 approximately 23.3 million Units will be issued to wholesale investors; and
- Second, if approved at the EGM described below, approximately 4.0 million units will be issued to entities associated with Warana Capital Pty Limited (**Investment Manager**), shortly after the EGM (**Conditional Placement**).

The Placement Price represents a 5.7% discount to AIQ's Adjusted NTA as at 31 May 2022²

The proceeds will be used in line with AIQ's existing investment strategy. The Investment Manager believes that the investment environment, particularly in the secondary market is currently attractive due to the recent volatility. The capital raised is expected to be deployed in the near term through the Trust's investment in the Warana 2021 Fund³.

Units issued under the Placement will be issued under AIQ's existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 Unitholder approval is not required. Unitholders will be asked to consider refreshing this capacity and approving the Conditional Placement at the EGM described below. If unitholders do not approve the Conditional Placement, the units will not be issued to entities associated with the Investment Manager and AIQ will not receive the additional money represented by the Conditional Placement.

¹ Subject to unitholders approving the Conditional Placement

² The Placement Price represents a discount of approximately 33% to AIQ's NTA as at 31 May 2022. A description of AIQ's valuation policy is available in the monthly fact sheets.

³ Refer to the monthly fact sheet for more information on the Warana 2021 Fund



Distribution Reinvestment Plan

AIQ currently intends to distribute 5% per annum of the Trust's NTA, paid in semi-annual instalments. The Trust's distribution reinvestment plan (**DRP**) has been suspended since 18 November 2021. The DRP will be amended and reactivated and is expected to be available in the upcoming distribution, expected in July. Investors with previous elections into the DRP will continue to have those elections treated as current. Please contact Link Market Services should you wish to change your election.

On market unit buy back facility

The Responsible Entity intends to commence an on market buy-back (Buy-back). Subject to the ASX Listing Rules, Corporations Act, and AIQ's Constitution, it is intended that under the Buy-back, among other conditions, AIQ will purchase units if they are offered at less than the Trust's most recently announced Adjusted NTA.

Further information regarding the Buy-back will be contained in the Appendix 3C that will be lodged with ASX in due course. It is not intended that the Buy-back open until after the DRP pricing period.

Extraordinary General Meeting

At the request of AIQ's Investment Manager, the Responsible Entity intends to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (**EGM**) to consider a number of proposals including:

- A 1 for 10 unit consolidation;
- Approving the Conditional Placement and allowing the issue of units to related entities of the Investment Manager. The percentage ownership of the Investment Manager (and its associates) is not expected to increase as result of the Placement; and
- A number of initiatives intended to give the Trust capital flexibility including a refresh of the Trust's placement capacity.

It is intended that the EGM be held in in July / August of this year.

This announcement has been approved by the directors of the Responsible Entity.

For more information, please refer to www.thealternativeinvestmenttrust.com or contact the Responsible Entity on +61 2 8277 0000.