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If $a, b > 0$ then:

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

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WLOG: $a \geq b$. Denote $x = \frac{a}{b} \geq 1$.

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}, \quad \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{\frac{a}{b} + 1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 + 1}} \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

Let be:

$$f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}, \quad f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1} - \frac{(x+1)x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}}{x^2+1}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{x^2} + \frac{x^2+1 - (x+1)x}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x^2+1}}$$

$$f'(x) = (x-1) \left(\frac{x+1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x^2+1}} \right)$$

We will prove that:

$$\frac{x+1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x^2+1}} > 0, \quad x > 0$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x^2} > \frac{1}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{x^2+1}}, \quad (x+1)(x^2+1)\sqrt{x^2+1} > x^2$$

$$(x+1)^2(x^2+1)^3 > x^4$$

$$(x+1)^2(x^2+1)^3 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} (2\sqrt{x})^2(2x)^3 = 32x^4 > x^4$$

$f'(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow f$ -increasing,

$$\underbrace{\min}_{x \geq 1} f(x) = f(1) = 2 + \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

Equality holds for $x = 1 \Leftrightarrow a = b$.