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Funds Management Division Clinches Best Bond Group and Best Bond Fund in The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010

AmInvestment Bank Group's Funds Management Division (FMD) was honoured with the prestigious Best Bond Group¹ at The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010. AmDynamic Bond, managed by FMD emerged as the top performing bond fund1 in the category of Bond Malaysian Ringgit, over 3-year and 5-year performance.

"As the largest fixed income manager in Malaysia², we are obviously delighted to have won three Lipper awards as our funds management division continues to be recognised for providing investors with consistent return. We are very happy to have won the Best Bond Group for the past three years. Our AmDynamic Bond was consecutively ranked as the top performing bond fund since 2007," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer of FMD.

"We will continue to build on our strong track record to add on to the recent awards comprising Best Investment House in Malaysian Ringgit Bonds and Most Astute Investor in Asian Currency Bonds for two of our fund managers by The Asset Benchmark Research."

The AmDynamic Bond has recorded an outstanding total return of 24.1%, doubling its benchmark returns of 12.1% over the 3 years as at 31 January 20103. Over the last 5 years, the Fund consistently outperformed its benchmark with total returns of 60.8%, way ahead of the benchmark's 24%3. Datin Maznah Mahbob said, "You will be receiving an average return of 10% every year if you had invested in AmDynamic Bond, 5 years ago³."

"Our fixed income team has consistently managed to take advantage of the market conditions via structural long term strategy implementation on macro analysis and tactical short term trading based on market timing in accordance to our sound investment philosophy and process. It also demonstrates our stringent credit processes and superior credit selection recommended by our proprietary credit research unit," added Datin Maznah.

1 The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010, 23 February 2010

2 Source: Malaysian Association of Asset Managers and Lipper Hindsight, 30 September 2009 (latest data available)

3 Source: Lipper Hindsight, 31 January 2010

About Funds Management Division, AmInvestment Bank Group

We are one of the largest fund management houses in Malaysia.

To date, there are 48 unit trust funds marketed under the brand name of AmMutual (for conventional funds) and AmIslamic Funds Management (for shariah-compliant funds). These funds include Malaysia's series of firsts in the unit trust industry, such as the first cash management trust, the first global Islamic equity fund, the first agribusiness fund as well as the first precious metals fund (based on Lipper Hindsight, 22 February 2010).

The total assets under the management of AmMutual funds and AmIslamic Funds Management, together with two exchange-traded funds and discretionary mandates, were approximately RM19.7 billion as at 31 January 2010.

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