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Bond ETF declares income distribution for unit holders

AmInvestment Bank Group (AIBG)'s ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund declared on 7 July 2009 an interim income distribution of 1.85 sen per unit for the financial year ending December 2009.

ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund is a listed bond fund that is passively managed against the given benchmark and the returns correspond closely to the performance of the benchmark Index. The distribution of 1.85 sen per unit for the Fund represented a yield of 1.66% investment return based on the net asset value (NAV) per unit of RM1.1130 as at 31 December 2008.

"The Fund gave a one return of 3.97% as at end of May 2009 which is better than the one-year Fixed Deposit Rate. The Fund has closely tracked the benchmark. The tracking error for the one-year performance is 0.48%, which is within the given $\pm 0.50\%$ tracking error parameter," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer of Funds Management Division, AmInvestment Group Berhad.

"ETFs are very efficient and convenient investment tools for investors. With ETFs, investors have the opportunity to invest in a pre-packaged basket of securities of an index rather than build a similar portfolio by purchasing individual stocks, bonds or commodities," she added.

AIBG also manages an equity ETF, FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI etf (formerly known as FBM30etf). The ETF aims to achieve a price and yield performance, which is generally similar to the benchmark, FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI. It gives exposure to the 30 largest companies based on market capitalization listed on the Bursa Securities, free-float adjusted and liquidity-screened.

FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI etf is very affordable for investors following the adoption of FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI as the country's market index. The etf reflects Malaysia's primary market movers and in time, will rise to be an equity related investment choice for domestic and overseas investors.

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