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AmBank Marks Over RM20 Billion Approved Financing in Johor - Backing Sustained Growth Including Inbound Foreign Direct Investment

AmBank Group has announced its strategic collaboration for the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) Global Alliance Summit as the official banking partner, reinforcing its commitment to regional growth and cross-border investment. The collaboration which runs across 2025-2026 will also oversee further discussions to provide investors seeking regional scale and impact with end-to-end support as their preferred banking partner. These efforts aim to channel Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from these engagements to AmBank, reinforcing its role as the primary financial partner of the JS-SEZ Global Alliance Summit.

Since 2022, AmBank has approved over RM20 billion in financing in Johor; spanning industries across the nine flagship zones supporting manufacturing, real estate, construction, logistics, and digital infrastructure industries. AmBank's dedicated FDI desk launched in 2023, have successfully onboarded over 40 foreign investors from China and Korea, including Huawei, Samsung, SK Group, and Xiamen University. This initiative has also resulted in over RM3 billion in approved financing to date. The dedicated FDI desk offers comprehensive banking solutions, complemented by value-added support services. These include strategic partnerships with telecommunications providers, company secretaries, legal advisors, and auditors; land sourcing through established developers within the Bank's network; supply chain enablement via access to over 110,000 SME customers; and M&A advisory services delivered in collaboration with AmInvestment Bank. Through the

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banks one-stop solution model for Foreign Investors, it remains committed to being a trusted financial partner for businesses navigating the JS-SEZ and beyond.

During a Fireside Chat at the JS SEZ Global Alliance Summit 2025, **Christopher Yap, Managing Director of Business Banking at AmBank Group**, shared “AmBank’s collaboration for the JS-SEZ Global Alliance Summit underscores our deep commitment to driving regional growth and enabling meaningful cross-border investments. Since 2022, we have supported over RM20 billion approved financing in Johor, and with the opportunities ahead, we are confident that this initiative will contribute towards Malaysia’s economic expansion. As a trusted financial partner, we will continue our efforts to empower businesses across the region to scale and succeed.”

YB Lee Ting Han, Chairman of Johor's Investment, Trade, Consumer Affairs, and Human Resources Committee, said the success of the JS-SEZ Global Alliance Summit demonstrated Johor’s readiness to move into its next phase of dynamism. “The summit has not only allowed us to present Johor’s vision to global investors, but also created meaningful partnerships that will help drive regional growth,” he said. Lee added that the strong international participation underscored the confidence investors have in Johor’s strategic position, robust infrastructure, and forward-looking policies. “This is more than an event—it is a milestone that strengthens Johor’s role as a key driver of growth in Malaysia and the wider region, and a signal that we are ready to work hand in hand with partners across the globe to build a thriving, sustainable economic future.”

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Tuan Hj Natazha Bin Hariss, CEO of Invest Johor said the summit had successfully transformed dialogue into concrete directions for collaboration. “What we witnessed was not just discussions, but commitments that align Johor’s infrastructure with global capital,” he said, adding that the strong turnout of investors reflected confidence in Johor’s clarity of vision and world-class facilities. Natazha noted that the summit had proven itself to be more than a conference — it was the launchpad that has set Johor firmly on its next chapter of growth.

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AmBank Group is a leading financial services group with over 40 years of expertise in supporting the economic development of Malaysia. We have over three million customers and employ over 8,000 people.

The Group was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia in 1988. It is the sixth-largest banking group by assets in Malaysia, with a market capitalisation of more than RM18 billion as at 31 March 2025.

AmBank Group serves over three million individual and corporate customers. It provides services in wholesale banking, retail banking, business banking, investment banking and related financial services which include Islamic banking, underwriting of general insurance, life insurance, family takaful, stock and share broking, futures broking, investment advisory and asset management services in unit trusts and real estate investment trusts.

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About The JS-SEZ Global Alliance Summit

The JS-SEZ Global Alliance Summit is an international platform dedicated to fostering strategic partnerships, advancing cross-border investments, and promoting sustainable economic growth. Bringing together government leaders, business pioneers, and industry experts, the Summit serves as a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and shared prosperity across sectors and regions.

The Summit carries the vision of “The Global Investment & Industrial Footprint, Across the 9 Flagship Zones.”

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