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AmInvestment Bank Named Best Local Private Bank by Euromoney

For the second year in a row, AmInvestment Bank was named Best Local Private Bank in Malaysia in the Euromoney Private Banking Survey 2008. The results of the survey were announced on 8 January 2008 on www.euromoney.com and in the January 2008 issue of Euromoney magazine.

The Euromoney Private Banking Survey, a peer-reviewed poll, is the only comprehensive database of wealth management available. The survey asked private banks in Malaysia to identify the companies that they admire as the top providers of both competitive and non-competitive services.

"We are flattered to receive this impressive acknowledgement the second year in a row, especially since votes are cast by other private banks themselves," said AmBank Group Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim. "This is a testament to our expertise in private banking, further strengthening AmInvestment Bank Group's position as one of the top investment banking groups in Malaysia."

The ranking displays private banks and wealth managers whose performance in an area surpassed others who provide the same service. AmInvestment Bank Group received top ranking in categories such as net-worth specific services, privacy and security, relationship management, hedge fund investment, foreign exchange, corporate advisory, tax guidance and services, trust services, and offshore services.

According to Euromoney, private banking assets under management were up over 120% to US\$7.6 trillion globally this year, compared with results published in 2007.

About AmInvestment Bank Group

AmInvestment Bank Group, AmBank Group's investment banking arm, is one of Malaysia's leading investment banking groups. The Group has an enviable track record of over 30 years of experience, innovation, and market leadership. It has won an impressive stable of awards from the international financial press and major rating agencies.

AmInvestment Bank Group provides a full range of investment banking related services that include the areas of Corporate Finance, Debt Markets and Structured Finance, Islamic Markets, Equity Markets and Derivatives, Treasury and Derivatives, Stock and Futures Broking, Funds Management, Trustee Services, Private Equity, and Private Banking.

Among the awards and achievements received recently are "Best Islamic REIT Deal in Southeast Asia" in the Inaugural Southeast Asia Deal Awards by Alpha Southeast Asia, "Most Outstanding Islamic Investment Banking" award at the KLIFF Islamic Finance Awards 2007, the 'I-REIT' and 'Mudharabah' awards in Islamic Finance News' Deals of the Year 2006 Awards, top position for Islamic issues in Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad's Lead Managers' 2006 League Table, and the Lead Manager Award (Islamic, Number of Deals) at the RAM League Awards 2006.

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