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AmInvestment Bank Group launches AmCommodities Active - Capital Protected  
AmInvestment Bank Group's Funds Management Division recently launched AmMutual's latest unconventional capital protected fund, AmCommodities Active - Capital Protected.

It is a close-ended fund with exposure to commodities index. The fund will invest mainly in three-year Ringgit denominated zero coupon negotiable instruments of deposits (ZNIDs) from financial institutions to ensure 100% investors' capital is paid back at the end of the maturity period. The fund will also invest up to 10% in an option, linked to an actively managed commodity investment strategy, to generate income and capital appreciation.

This strategy, determines the allocation exposure of the portfolio, based on a volatility management index called Isovol Index, to a commodity index, AmIslamic Bank Makmur Commodity Index. The purpose of the Isovol index is to cap the volatility of exposure to the AmIslamic Bank Makmur Commodity Index at 15%. Within this mechanism, the portfolio then manages the allocation of exposure to the Isovol index between 20-200%. AmIslamic Bank Makmur Commodity Index is an actively managed index.

"Commodity markets overall have performed very well in the last few years. Values in commodities such as energy, metals and agriculture are attractive and are still emerging, more so now after the recent corrections. Historical evidence suggests that market cycles in commodities are very long. The shortest commodity bull market lasted 15 years, while the longest commodity bull market was 23 years," said Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, Chairman, AmBank Group.

"The current bull run started at the end of 1990's and if we go by this historical guide, the commodity market therefore has many more years of positive performance ahead. Riding on the positive performance of commodities, we would like to present AmCommodities Active - Capital Protected," he added.

"The fund's uniqueness include easy access to an actively managed commodities index, AmIslamic Bank Makmur Commodity Index which has the flexibility to set different weightings of sub-sector to leverage on the best-performing commodities, active risk control mechanism to reduce downside risk and active daily balancing of fund's exposure to commodities as well as potential annual income distribution with 100% capital protection at maturity," said Tan Sri Dato' Azman.

The fund is suitable for investors seeking potential annual income and capital appreciation on their investments and potentially higher returns from their investment over the long term relative to fixed deposits. It is also for investors who want exposure to an actively managed strategy in commodities investments.

AmCommodities Active - Capital Protected has an authorised fund size of 200 million units. The fund is offered to the public at the price of RM1.00 per unit, during the offer period of 30 days, from 8 September to 7 October 2008. The minimum and subsequent investment amount is RM5,000.

This Fund is sold across different distribution channels. They are AmBank Branches, AmBank Financial Services and our authorised Institutional Unit Trust Advisers (IUTAs) which include United Overseas Bank, Alliance Bank and EON Bank.

**About AmMutual**

To date, there are 41 unit trust funds marketed under our retail brand, AmMutual and two exchange-traded funds under AmInvestment Bank Group. These funds include Malaysia's series of firsts in the unit trust industry, such as the first cash management trust, the first bond and equity exchange-traded fund, the first global Islamic equity fund, the first agribusiness fund as well as the first precious metals fund.

The total assets under the management of AmMutual funds, together with two exchange-traded funds

and discretionary mandates, were RM18.4 billion as at 31 August 2008.

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