

## PressRelease

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AmCommodities Active – Capital Protected declares its first income distribution  
AmMutual's AmCommodities Active – Capital Protected declared its first income distribution of 3.5 sen per unit for the financial year ended October 2009 for its unitholders on 4 December 2009.

The income distribution represented a yield of 3.5% investment return for the fund's financial year based on the net asset value (NAV) per unit of RM1.00 offered during the offer period.

AmCommodities Active – Capital Protected is a three-year close-ended fund with exposure to commodities index. The fund invests 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 also invested up to 10% in an option, linked to an actively managed commodity investment strategy, to generate income and capital appreciation. The fund offers investors easy access to an actively-managed customized commodities index with the flexibility to set different weightings of sub-sector to leverage on the best-performing commodities.

As at 31 October 2009, the fund gave a one year return of 7.88%, an outperformance of 5.09% compared to its benchmark, Maybank one year fixed deposit rate of 2.79%\*. Its 10-month year-to-date return was at 9.62%, outperforming its benchmark of 2.19%\* by four times.

"We are very pleased to see this performance especially when the market outlook was very uncertain after the fund was launched. Nonetheless, our selection of the commodities investment strategy that combines active selection and management of commodities together with the risk control algorithm has protected investors from the downside risk while at the same time, enabled the fund to outperform the general commodities benchmark, namely the Dow Jones-UBS Commodity Index and S&P GSCI Index\*\*," said the Head of Fixed Income, Funds Management Division of AmInvestment Bank Group, Goh Wee Peng, who was recently voted by peers as Malaysia's Most Astute Investor in Asian Currency Bonds for three consecutive years since 2007 by The Asset Benchmark Research\*\*\*.

There are 47 unit trust funds marketed under the brand name of AmMutual (for conventional fund) and AmIslamic Funds Management (for shariah-compliant fund). The total assets under the management of AmMutual and AmIslamic Funds Management funds, together with two exchange-traded funds and discretionary mandates, were RM18.6 billion as at 30 November 2009.

Source:

\* Lipper Hindsight as at 31 October 2009

\*\* Bloomberg and BNP Paribas as at 4 November 2009

\*\*\* The Asset Benchmark Research Awards, 24 November 2009

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