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Best bond group AmInvestment Bank Group declares income distributions
AmMutual's AmBond and AmIslamic Funds Management's AmBon Islam have declared income distributions for their respective unitholders. Both funds are managed by AmInvestment Bank Group's Funds Management Division (FMD), which recently won the Edge-Lipper Malaysia's Best Bond Group Award.*

AmBond declared on 9 March 2010 a final income distribution of 1.5 sen per unit, giving a total income distribution of 3.5 sen for the financial year ending March 2010. The final income distribution together with the interim income distribution represented a yield of 3.33% investment return based on the net asset value (NAV) per unit of RM1.05 as at 31 March 2009. AmBond is a medium to long-term bond fund that aims to provide a stream of income.

AmBon Islam declared on 8 March 2010 an interim income distribution of 1.5 sen per unit for financial year ending September 2010. The income distribution represented a yield of 1.35% investment return for the fund's financial year based on the NAV per unit of RM1.11 as at 30 September 2009. AmBon Islam is a medium to long-term Islamic bond fund that aims to provide a stream of "halal" income.

As at 31 January 2010, both funds delivered one-year returns better than Malaysia's fixed deposit rate and outperformed their respective benchmarks. AmBond gave a one-year return of 5.73% while AmBon Islam delivered a one-year return of 4.77%**. Both funds are in the first quartile for the five-year return and return since launch in Lipper's Malaysian bond classification. They are also recognised as Lipper Leaders in 5-year consistent return and 5-year total return categories.

"I am also pleased to announce that we have once again won the Edge-Lipper Malaysia's Best Bond Group Award. We have been awarded with the prestigious recognition for the third consecutive year since 2008*," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, Funds Management Division (FMD), AmInvestment Bank Group.

"The award underscores the investment expertise of our fixed income team which has performed well, particularly with the current challenging market conditions. It also demonstrates our sound investment philosophy and process which includes a macro top-down approach, relative valuation and volatility management," she continued.

Late last year, FMD was also recognised as Malaysia's Best Investment House in Malaysian Ringgit Bonds by The Asset Benchmark Survey 2009. FMD's Head of Fixed Income, Goh Wee Peng was voted by peers as Malaysia's Most Astute Investor in Malaysian Ringgit Bond for three consecutive years since 2007***.

There are 47 unit trust funds marketed under the brand name of AmMutual (for conventional funds) and AmIslamic Funds Management (for shariah funds). The total assets under the management of AmMutual and AmIslamic Funds Management funds, together with two exchange-traded funds and discretionary mandates, were RM20 billion as at 28 February 2010.

Source:

* The 2010 Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards, 23 February 2010

** Lipper Hindsight as at 31 January 2010

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

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