

## PressRelease

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Award-winning Funds Management Division, AmInvestment Bank Group launches AmConstant Extra 3

AmInvestment Bank Group's Funds Management Division, the largest fixed income fund manager in Malaysia<sup>1</sup> has launched AmConstant Extra 3, which satisfies a growing need of investors looking for steady stream of income.

AmConstant Extra 3 aims to provide consistent returns above the prevailing fixed deposit rate at the Fund's Commencement Date in the form of annual income distribution throughout the Fund's 33 months tenure. The approved fund size is 200 million units.

Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, Funds Management Division, AmInvestment Bank Group said, "This Fund is the seventh fund under the AmConstant series, which follows the success of our preceding AmConstant funds. All the matured AmConstant funds have provided annualised returns higher than the fixed deposit rate in Malaysia during their tenure<sup>3</sup>".

Investors can leverage on the expertise of award-winning fund managers<sup>2</sup> from AmInvestment Bank Group which recently won The Best Bond Fund Group for the third consecutive year. In addition, the fund managers have won the Best Investment House in MYR Bonds and the Most Astute Local Currency Bond Investor, Malaysia 2009 by Asset Benchmark Research. The awards garnered illustrate the sound and disciplined investment process enhanced by a comprehensive in-depth credit research.

"With the expected recovery in the local and global economies, corporate credit quality is expected to improve against the upward trend of corporate earning visibility. The Fund provides investors access to a diversified portfolio of bonds, making it possible to enjoy the best of both worlds - a steady stream of income and capital preservation" added Datin Maznah.

The Fund adopts a buy and hold strategy whereby it aims to match the bonds portfolio's maturities over the 33 months investment period. This strategy aims to minimize volatility and interest rate fluctuations while preserving the Fund's capital.

AmConstant Extra 3 is suitable for investors seeking regular income, potentially higher returns than the current fixed deposit rates and a fund with low correlation to equity markets. In addition, the Fund is suitable for investors who are also seeking to participate in the local and foreign bond market with capital preservation given the nature of the investment.

The bond fund is close ended with an offer period of up to 45 days until 14 May 2010 at the price of RM1.00 per unit during the offer period. The Fund's minimum investment is RM5,000 and is available across different distribution channels via AmBank branches, AmBank Wealth Management and Citibank.

<sup>1</sup> in terms of funds under management. Source: Lipper Hindsight, Malaysian Association of Asset Managers (MAAM), 30 September 2009 (latest data available)

<sup>2</sup> Source: The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards, 23 February 2010 and the Asset Benchmark Research, November 2009

<sup>3</sup> AmConstant (dated 29 January 2007), AmConstant-Series 2 (dated 20 August 2007), AmConstant 12/7 Annual Report (dated 24 December 2007)

### **About AmMutual**

To date, there are 49 unit trust funds marketed under the brand name of AmMutual (for conventional fund) and AmIslamic Funds Management (for shariah-compliant fund). 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 and AmIslamic Funds Management funds, together with two exchange-traded funds and discretionary mandates, were about RM20 billion as at 5 April 2010.

\* Source : Lipper-Hindsight as at 31 March 2010

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