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AmBank Group bags six major industry awards

AmInvestment Bank Berhad ("AmInvestment Bank") has been awarded as **"M&A Advisor of the Year"** at the **4th National Mergers and Acquisitions Awards 2010**, organised by the Malaysian Mergers and Acquisitions Association ("MMAA") and held on 26 May in Kuala Lumpur.

In addition, AmInvestment Bank, AmIslamic Funds Management, and AmIslamic Bank have won a total of **four prestigious awards** at **The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2010**. The awards are as follows:

- **AmInvestment Bank - "Most Innovative Islamic Finance Deal"** and **"Best Islamic Deal - Malaysia"**, both for 1Malaysia Development Berhad's RM5 billion 30-year Islamic medium term notes.

- **AmIslamic Bank Berhad** ("AmIslamic Bank") - **"Best Islamic Structured Product"** for the AmIslamic Bank AmMomentum Select NID-i (Islamic negotiable instrument of deposit).

- **AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd** ("AmIslamic Funds Management"), the Islamic funds management arm of the AmInvestment Bank Group has been designated as the **Islamic Asset Management House of the Year**.

In the **Finance Asia Structured Products Awards 2009, AmIslamic Bank's AmMomentum Select NID-i** (Islamic negotiable instrument of deposit) was named as **Best Islamic Product** (same product as above).

The National M&A Awards recognises Malaysian companies and individuals (and their respective Advisers) who have set benchmarks and driven M&A transactions to successful completion.

The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2010 focus on the best deals, solutions, and the industry's leaders on a global level that demonstrated superlative performance and excellence in structuring, solutions, service and innovation.

The Finance Asia Structured Products Awards 2009 is the second edition of Finance Asia magazine's global honours list for structured products.

Mr Cheah Tek Kuang, Group Managing Director, AmBank Group, "We are very honoured by the recognition of "M&A Advisor of the Year", in a year that has seen some prominent M&A activity including cross-border deals such as Starhill REIT's RM1.03 billion disposal of Starhill Gallery and Lot 10 property to Starhill Global REIT, and strategic deals such as the takeover offers for Sarawak Energy Berhad and IOI Properties Berhad. AmInvestment Bank was also ranked No. 1 in M&A by both market share and number of deals for 2009 (Bloomberg 2009 M&A League Table). We thank our clients for providing us the opportunity to aid their business expansion and enhancement in shareholders' value.

Mr Cheah added, "Our wins for 'Most Innovative Islamic Finance Deal' and 'Best Islamic Deal - Malaysia' attest to AmInvestment Bank's strengths and commitment in providing outstanding solutions, top service and industry-leading innovation in Islamic investment banking.

"The recognition for AmIslamic Funds Management as Islamic Asset Management House of the Year comes clearly through innovation in developing a wide range of Islamic funds that are notable "firsts" in the market, including the USD-based AmNamaa Asia-Pacific Equity Growth and the Ringgit-based Namaa' Asia-Pacific Equity Growth funds, the first master/feeder fund with a Saudi Arabian bank for an Asian mandate out of Malaysia."

Mr Cheah further explained, "The AmIslamic Bank AmMomentum Select NID-i (Islamic negotiable instrument of deposit) uses a flexible investment strategy that watches market momentums to determine when and how to invest into diversified markets. This flexibility enables it to automatically trade out of a bearish market and capitalise on bull runs and it provides diversified exposure to equities, energy, agriculture and metals. The NID-I also provides an indicative hibah of 3.25% p.a. at the end of first year, higher than the current market deposit rate."

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