

## PressRelease

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### AmInvestment Bank Group launches AmChina A-Shares

AmInvestment Bank Group Funds Management Division's recently launched its latest fund, AmChina A-Shares which allows investors direct exposure to tap into A-Shares market comprising high quality growth Chinese stocks.

A-shares is defined as Renminbi-denominated equities issued by companies incorporated in China and listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

AmChina A-Shares seeks to provide long term capital growth by investing primarily in the A-Shares equity market. The Fund leverages on the expertise of Allianz RCM Global Investors as they are one of the largest asset managers in the world based on assets under management.<sup>1</sup>

This open-ended wholesale fund feeds into Allianz RCM China A-Shares as its Target Fund. Currently, the A-Shares market is only accessible to Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (QFII), apart from domestic (Chinese) investors. Allianz RCM Global Investors, the Target Fund's Manager is a holder of QFII.

Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, Funds Management Division said, "With our partnership with Allianz, investors are able to tap into the largest pool of Chinese equities offering substantially more stock opportunities compared to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Thus, the depth and breadth of the A-shares market offers a significant investment universe for active bottom-up stock selection".

Currently, there are 1,764 A-shares listed in the two stock exchanges, compared to 159 shares listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (H-Shares)<sup>2</sup>. Chinese A-Shares market has now become the favourite fund-raising place for Chinese companies.

Over a two-year period as at December 2009, 66.5% of the value from the Chinese initial public offerings was derived from the A-Shares market while 32.6% comprised the H-Share market and 0.8% from other markets.<sup>3</sup> The trend looks set to continue especially for high growth, small to medium capitalized Chinese companies that will consider listing on the A-share markets as their source of funding. In addition, A-shares have a wider choice of sectors that are not available H-Share market such as automotive, electric utilities as well as precious metals and minerals.

AmChina A-Shares has an authorized fund size of 75 million units at the price of RM1.00 per unit. As this is only offered to Qualified Investors that meet certain financial requirements, the minimum and subsequent investment amount is RM20,000. Citibank is the primary distributor of this fund.

"We are pleased to be appointed as the primary distributor for the AmChina A-Shares. As one of the market leaders in wealth management, we are able to provide our Citibank clients with sound investment strategies, based on our ability to tap into our global network, cutting-edge financial expertise and worldwide research. As one of the key wealth management providers in the country, we take pride in understanding our clients' different priorities, and ensuring we meet these needs and financial goals," said Jeremy Ho, Citibank Head of Investment Business.

## **About AmMutual**

To date, there are 49 unit trust funds marketed under the brand name of AmMutual (for conventional funds) and AmIslamic (for Shariah-compliant funds).

Fund Management Division of AmInvestment Bank Group is one of the leading fund management houses in terms of asset under management (AUM). The total AUM of AmMutual and AmIslamic funds, together with two exchange-traded funds and discretionary mandates, were about RM20.2 billion as at 30 April 2010.

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1. Source: Allianz Global Investors, March 2010
2. Source: [http://www.ftse.com/xinhua/english/Share\\_Types/index.jsp](http://www.ftse.com/xinhua/english/Share_Types/index.jsp) and \*Allianz Global Investors, as of 1 April 2010
3. Source: CEIC; as of December 2009