

Press Release

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Funds Management Division, AmInvestment Bank Group is Malaysia's "Asset Management Company of the Year"

The Funds Management Division (FMD) of the AmInvestment Bank Group has been named Malaysia's Asset Management Company of the Year at The Asset Triple A Investment Awards 2010 by The Asset, one of Asia's leading financial publications.

The award recognises the best asset management company in Malaysia that has built a comprehensive platform for investing in different asset classes and servicing the investing needs of institutional, corporate and retail clients. It consistently achieves above-benchmark performance and sets the tone for innovation and industry practice.

Recently, FMD's Shariah investment arm, AmIslamic Funds Management was awarded the Islamic Asset Management House of the Year by The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2010. Earlier this year, FMD was also named the Best Bond Fund Manager in Malaysia by The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010.

"These awards underscore key attributes of funds management expertise built over three decades, which have led us to now be recognised as the top asset management company and bond fund manager in Malaysia and the best Islamic asset management house across Asia Pacific. This includes a series of "firsts" in the market emphasizing our innovative spirit as well as being able to differentiate ourselves as the premier investment solutions provider with the widest array of products and services across asset classes," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, FMD.

FMD's notable "firsts" include pioneering exchange traded funds (ETFs) in Malaysia, the first master/feeder fund with a Saudi Arabian bank for an Asian mandate out of Malaysia under the purview of the Malaysia International Islamic Financial Centre (MIFC), the first cash management trust, the first Islamic equity fund, the first agribusiness fund as well as the first precious metals fund, among others.

This year has also seen FMD garnering major Malaysia awards in the fixed income/bond category namely being honoured as the Best Overall Fixed Income Manager and awarded the Best Overall Fixed Income Portfolio Manager 2009 and Best 3 Years Realised Return Fixed Income Manager 2009 by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF). Additionally, we have received awards for Best Bond Fund Group, Best Bond Malaysian Ringgit Fund (3 Years) and the Best Bond Malaysian Ringgit Fund (5 Years) for AmDynamic Bond at the Edge Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010.

About AmMutual

To date, we have 53 unit trust funds marketed under the brand name of AmMutual (for conventional funds) and AmIslamic (for Shariah-compliant funds), and two exchange-traded funds under AmInvestment Bank Group. We are also the proud innovator of Malaysia's series of firsts* in the unit trust industry, such as the first cash management trust, the first bond and equity exchange-traded funds, the first global Islamic equity fund, the first agribusiness fund as well as the first precious metals fund. We are one of the largest fund management houses in Malaysia with total assets under management of about RM21.1 billion as at 31 August 2010.

* Source: Lipper-Hindsight as at 30 April 2010

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