



Press Release

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AmBank Issues Five New Call Warrants

AmBank (M) Berhad ("AmBank") is issuing five new European style cash-settled structured call warrants ("CW") over the ordinary shares of Aeon Credit Service (M) Berhad ("AEONCR"), Fraser & Neave Holdings Berhad ("F&N"), Padini Holdings Berhad ("PADINI"), Oriental Holdings Berhad ("ORIENT") and Manchester United Plc ("MANU") to meet investors' demand for trading and investment opportunities in the current market scenario. The structured warrants will be listed for trading on 6 September 2012, via the market making method, with issue size of up to 100 million each.

"The Malaysian economy expanded faster than expected in 2Q12 coming in at 5.4% Year-on-Year (y-o-y), beating the market's estimate of 4.6%. Not surprisingly, domestic demand continued to be a main driver for growth on the back of positive consumer confidence and encouraging labour market conditions. Certain segments such as motor vehicles saw strong growth in 2Q12, up 8.4% y-o-y. With the upcoming Budget 2013 due to be announced on 28 September, further measures to enhance domestic spending are expected especially for household consumers. Therefore, for AmBank's latest tranche of warrants, AmBank will be offering four call warrants over AEONCR, F&N, PADINI and ORIENT which would be expected to benefit from a rise in consumer spending. There will also be a call warrant over MANU, the world's most valuable football club and a globally recognised brand, which was recently listed on the New York Stock Exchange," said Ms Ng Ee Fang, Director/Head, Equity Derivatives, AmInvestment Bank Berhad.

Personal finance provider AEONCR is looking to leverage on the loyalty card member base of sister company, retailer AEON CO (M) Bhd, to grow its number

of credit cardholders. Retailer AEON CO (M) Bhd has over 900,000 loyalty card members with AEONCR targeting to convert a third of them into AEONCR credit cardholders over the next few years, effectively tripling its cardholder base to over 460,000. Besides credit cards, AEONCR is also involved in vehicle financing where it recently ventured into used car financing as well. It has established a strong network of 800 used car dealers as its business partners and expects the segment to enjoy strong growth moving forward. AmBank's CW on AEONCR is priced at 15 sen each with gearing of 3.65 times.

Fashion retailer PADINI recently signed a 10-year deal with FJ Benjamin Group to distribute its Vincci line of women's shoes and accessories under the brand name of VNC in Indonesia. VNC in Indonesia will be run like a franchise and FJ Benjamin's established presence there is expected to significantly boost PADINI's access to the burgeoning Indonesia market. Under the exclusive deal, PADINI expects five new stores to be opened in Indonesia in the first year and is targeting to open 25 stores within a five year period. For Malaysia, PADINI is also expanding aggressively with 10 additional stores comprising six Brands Outlets and four Concept Stores. AmBank's CW on PADINI is priced at 15 sen each with gearing of 3.83 times.

Beverage maker F&N's parent company Fraser & Neave Ltd ("F&NL") has been in the spotlight recently due to the tussle for control over Asia Pacific Breweries Ltd. ("APB"), the maker of much coveted Tiger Beer, between Dutch giant Heineken NV and Thai Beverage Pcl. The potential sale of F&NL's stake in APB and effectively the alcoholic beverages side of the business could garner interest from potential suitors for the other businesses of F&NL. Recent press reports have indicated that Coca-Cola Co. is potentially exploring a bid for F&NL's dairy and soft-drinks businesses which encompass F&N as it is essentially F&NL's non-alcoholic beverages arm with market-leading products such as its proprietary 100Plus isotonic drink and FruitTree juices. F&N also has a 13-acre property development project in Petaling Jaya with estimated gross development value of over RM1.3 billion. AmBank's CW on F&N is priced at 15 sen each with gearing of 3.84 times.

Diversified conglomerate ORIENT is involved in various businesses such as automotive assembly and distribution, plantations, property development, healthcare, hotels and plastics manufacturing. Currently, plantations is the largest contributor to ORIENT's profits and has plans to increase significantly its planted landbank. It has about 76,000ha of total landbank out of which only an estimated 36% is planted. It also operates two mills with a third one expected to be up and running in 2014 to handle its rising fresh fruit bunch production. Besides plantations, ORIENT enjoys strong earnings from 49% owned Boon Siew Honda which manufactures the hugely popular Honda motorbikes for the domestic market. To cater for rising demand, Boon Siew Honda is planning to shift to a new manufacturing plant in 2013 with expanded capacity of 350,000 units per year. AmBank's CW on ORIENT is priced at 15 sen each with gearing of 4.42 times.

Football club MANU was listed on the New York Stock Exchange last month, making it the most valuable football club in the world based on its IPO price of USD14 per share, specifically class A shares. The club has won a record 19 league titles and was bought over by the Glazers family in 2005. In the recent IPO, the Glazers sold 16.7 million shares or a 10% stake in the club and will continue to retain control via class B shares that have 10 times the voting power of the publicly-traded class A shares. MANU is estimated to have a global fan base of about 660 million making it a globally recognised brand. Therefore, sponsorships and merchandise sales are expected to contribute significantly to future earnings growth. AmBank's CW on MANU is priced at 15 sen each with gearing of 3.86 times.

This offer is aimed at sophisticated traders who want to trade on the direction and volatility of AEONCR, F&N, PADINI, ORIENT and MANU. The new CWs have gearings ranging between 3.65 and 4.42 and are targeted at investors who want to enjoy leveraged exposure to the underlying stocks.

About AmBank Group

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