



Press Release

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AmInvest Wins International Accolades

For the second consecutive year, AmInvest was named the Best Islamic Fund Manager 2014 at the Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) 2014 by Edbiz Consulting,¹ an international Shariah advisory firm based in London. The awards ceremony was held on Monday night in Dubai.

Additionally, The Asset Benchmark Research ranked AmInvest as the first runner-up in its Top Five Investment Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds 2014, Malaysia² and recognised one of AmInvest's senior fund managers as one of the Most Astute Investors in Asian Local Currency Bonds in Malaysia 2014.² Both recognitions were acknowledged by The Asset, one of Asia's leading financial publications based in Hong Kong.

"To receive worldwide recognition of this stature at Global Islamic Finance Awards 2014 truly exemplifies our global Shariah-compliant funds management capabilities and proven track record spanning more than 30-years within the industry. It is an honour that our capabilities of growing our investors' investments in the area of active equities and active sukuk are now being recognised to be on par with global market players," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, AmInvest.

The award given by GIFA was based on an objective proprietary methodology developed by Edbiz Consulting³ which includes criterias such as innovation of products and services, quantity and quality in terms breadth and depth of product/service offered and performance where applicable, cross border products/services and the promotion of the growth of the industry. Social responsibility practices, Shariah authenticity and commitment to Islamic banking and finance also formed an integral part of the judging process.





Commenting on the ranking from The Asset Benchmark Research, Datin Maznah said, "As the largest fixed income manager in Malaysia in terms of assets under management (AUM),⁴ our fixed income team has consistently managed to take advantage of the market conditions in accordance to our investment philosophy and process. It also demonstrates our stringent credit processes and credit selection recommended by our proprietary credit research unit."

The Asset Benchmark Research compiled the ranking of the top five investment houses based on the highest number of votes for astute investors received from the top-rated individuals in banks and brokerages who are in sales, trading and research in the relevant Asian markets. Over 350 top-rated individuals were invited to participate and a total of 442 investors from more than 260 institutions received nominations in the eight markets covered.²

About AmInvest

AmInvest is the brand for the funds management business of AMMB Holdings Berhad which manages both conventional and Shariah-compliant funds. It is one of the leading fund management houses in Malaysia and has approximately RM38.2 billion assets under management (AUM) as at 30 September 2014.*

To date, AmInvest manages 89 unit trust and wholesale funds, 2 exchange-traded funds (ETF) and 8 Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) funds (three PRS core funds and five PRS non-core funds) encompassing both conventional and Shariah-compliant funds.**

AmInvest has an award-winning track record spanning more than three decades, which includes being recognised as Best Mixed Asset Fund Group at The Edge Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2014.***

** Lipper Investment Management, AmInvestment Services Berhad, AmInvestment Management Sdn Bhd and AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd as at 30 September 2014.*

*** AmInvest as at 30 September 2014.*

**** The Edge Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2014, February 2014.*

Source:

¹ *Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) 2014, 27 October 2014.*

² *The Asset, September 2014.*

³ *Edbiz Consulting, available online at <http://edbizconsulting.com/index.php/gifa/methodology>, data extracted 9 October 2014.*

⁴ *Malaysian Association of Asset Managers (MAAM), Lipper Investment Management & AmInvest, as at 31 March 2014 (latest available data).*

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