



**Press Release**

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**Award Cements AmInvest's Position  
as a Leading Global Islamic Fund Manager**


AmIslamic Balanced ("the Fund"), managed by award-winning AmInvest, was honoured as 'Most Outstanding Islamic Fund Product' at the Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum ("KLIFF") Islamic Finance Awards Presentation 2014 yesterday night.<sup>1</sup>

AmIslamic Balanced has given returns of 8.71% and 39.07% over a 1-year and 3-year period as at 30 September 2014, outperforming its benchmark's returns of 5.08% and 27.04% respectively.<sup>2</sup> Earlier this year, the Fund was also named 'Best Islamic MYR Allocation Fund' at the Morningstar Fund Awards 2014.<sup>3</sup>

The Fund aims to grow the value of investments in the longer term with lower volatility through asset diversification, which conforms to principles of Shariah. It invests generally according to a balanced mix between equities and debt securities that all conform to principles of Shariah with a tactical equity exposure range between 40% and 60%. AmInvest employs active tactical asset allocation between assets and sectors that is determined by analysis of economic factors.

"We are truly delighted that AmIslamic Balanced has been singled out to receive this performance award from KLIFF as it is a testament of the expertise and capabilities of our investment team. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> award we received in 2014, following our latest win at the Global Islamic Finance Awards 2014 for the 'Best Islamic Fund Manager 2014' for the second consecutive year. These awards cement our position as one of the leading Islamic fund manager in the global arena. These recognitions also validate our efforts in reaching our aspiration to provide global investment solutions to international investors. At AmInvest, we always try to ensure that our Shariah-compliant investment solutions are





competitive with comparable conventional asset classes in terms of risk and return for international investors, both Muslim and otherwise,” said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, AmInvest.

She also added, “Beyond Malaysia, we are ready to offer our investment solutions globally through established markets which have existing wealth management infrastructure and regulatory frameworks. It is our qualitative approach to managing global investments that has allowed us to manage international assets while maintaining our headquarters in Malaysia. Currently, more than 50% of our Shariah-compliant assets under management is already invested in international assets.<sup>4</sup> The profile of our team is evolving to reflect this internationalisation.”

The KLIFF Islamic Finance Awards is to honour and acknowledge the significant efforts and contributions by individuals and institutions in developing the Islamic finance industry.

For more information on AmIslamic Balanced, please visit our website at [www.aminvest.com](http://www.aminvest.com).

#### **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 RM38.1 billion assets under management (AUM) as at 31 October 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. \*\*\*

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\* *Lipper Investment Management, AmInvestment Services Berhad, AmInvestment Management Sdn Bhd and AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd as at 31 October 2014.*

\*\* *AmInvest as at 31 October 2014.*

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

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#### **Source:**

<sup>1</sup> *Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum Islamic Finance Awards, October 2014.*

<sup>2</sup> *Lipper Investment Management as at 30 September 2014, data extracted 17 October 2014. The performance benchmark for this fund is 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index + 50% RAM Quantshop Medium Government Investment Issues (GII) Index.*

<sup>3</sup> *Morningstar Malaysia Fund Awards 2014, February 2014.*

<sup>4</sup> *Malaysian Association of Asset Managers (MAAM), AmInvest & Lipper Investment Management as at 30 September 2014, data extracted 27 October 2014.*

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