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AmInvest's Bond ETF Receives Overwhelming Response, Increases Fund Size Twice

Malaysia's first and only bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF),¹ ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund (ABF Malaysia) has increased in its approved fund size twice from 1.0 billion to 1.5 billion units and thereafter 2.25 billion units within just two months due to overwhelming interest from investors.

An ETF is essentially a unit trust fund, listed and traded on a stock exchange. Its primary objective is to achieve the return that corresponds with the performance of a benchmark index which is made up of a basket of securities. ABF Malaysia which invests in mainly Malaysian government bonds² is managed by AmInvest and aims to follow the performance of its benchmark Markit iBoxx®ABF Malaysia Bond Index.

"Our Malaysian Ringgit based ETF which invests in Malaysian government bonds, has attracted foreign institutional investors' points to positive sentiments towards the resilience of Malaysian economic outlook in general. Overarching that sentiment is also the anticipation by investors of future appreciation from the strengthening Malaysian Ringgit in the mid to longer term," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer of AmInvest.

For the past year, ABF Malaysia has registered a total return of 3.74%.³ It has clocked in positive cumulative return of 17.51% over the last five years translating to a return of 3.28% per annum.⁴

Datin Maznah summed it up, "The very encouraging take-up rate for ABF Malaysia signals the growing confidence of the Malaysian marketplace, currency and investor appetite for investments such as these. Last year saw the highest



number of new ETF providers entering the global market⁵ to support demand, which bodes well in terms of foreign participation in our marketplace that already has eight available ETFs, two managed by AmInvest. ¹”

For further details on ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund, please visit www.abfmy1.com.my.

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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 an award-winning track record spanning more than three decades.

To date, AmInvest manages unit trust and wholesale funds, institutional mandates, exchange-traded funds (ETF) and Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) funds, encompassing both conventional and Shariah-compliant funds.

Sources:

¹ Lipper Investment Management as at December 2015. Data extracted 7 January 2015.

² Prospectus, Supplementary Prospectus, Second Supplementary Prospectus and Third Supplementary Prospectus for ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund dated 13 July 2009, 1 December 2014, 1 April 2015 and 10 September 2015 respectively. Data extracted 7 January 2015.

³ Lipper Investment Management for the period 31 December 2014-31 December 2015, performance based on total returns. Data extracted 7 January 2015.

⁴ Lipper Investment Management for the period 31 December 2010-31 December 2015, performance based on total returns. Data extracted 7 January 2015.

⁵ 'Record number of companies launch ETFs', published by Financial Times dated 4 January 2016. Data extracted 7 January 2016.

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