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## **AmBank Group Wins Four Awards for Best SME Bank 2019**

AmBank Group has been conferred with four awards for Best SME Bank in Malaysia from the Asian Banking and Finance Awards, Alpha Southeast Asia Awards and Global Banking and Finance Awards.

The awards won by the Group are:

- **SME Bank of the Year – Malaysia** from Asian Banking & Finance Awards 2019
- **Best SME Bank in Malaysia** from Alpha Southeast Asia Best Financial Institution Awards 2019
- **Best SME Bank Malaysia 2019** from Global Banking & Finance Awards (for the second consecutive year)
- **Best Islamic Finance SME Bank** from Alpha Southeast Asia Best Islamic Finance Awards 2019

Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group said, "We are honoured to receive the awards as these achievements are testament to our commitment in supporting the growth and development of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the country. We would like to thank our SME clients for their continued support and will continue to deliver innovative banking solutions to serve them better."

Christopher Yap, Managing Director, Business Banking, AmBank Group added, "We believe that the Best SME Bank must have the ability to create holistic relationships that go beyond financing. These awards recognise our efforts to support SMEs in



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growing and scaling their businesses, through financing as well as knowledge-sharing programmes via our AmBank BizCLUB platform.”

The AmBank BizCLUB, a business community and development platform was introduced as part of AmBank Group’s continued mission to further support and nurture Malaysian SMEs scale their businesses, go international and reduce failure rates. The platform offers participating SMEs who are looking to scale to the next level with learning and networking opportunities, as well as media exposure. The initiatives under the AmBank BizCLUB are the AmBank BizRACE competition, AmBank BizCONFERENCES and AmBank CEO Chat Sessions.

Asian Banking and Finance has been recognising the most outstanding practices and the innovative strategies in Asia's wholesale banking sector since 2012.

Meanwhile, Alpha Southeast Asia was established in 2007 and is the first and only institutional investment magazine focusing on Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam). Across six issues published every year, Alpha Southeast Asia produces articles on Southeast Asia for Europe and US-based investors and investors based across Asia Pacific and Southeast Asia.

The Global Banking and Finance Awards reflect the innovation, achievement, strategy, progressive and inspirational changes taking place within the Global Financial community since its inception in 2011. The awards were created to recognise companies of all sizes which are prominent in particular areas of expertise and excellence within the financial world.



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### **About AmBank Group**

*AmBank Group is a leading financial services group with over 40 years of expertise in supporting the economic development of Malaysia. We have over three million customers and employ over 8,000 people.*

*The Group was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia in 1988. It is the sixth-largest banking group by assets in Malaysia, with a market capitalisation of around RM13.7 billion and assets of RM158.8 billion as at 31 March 2019.*

*AmBank Group serves over three million individual and corporate customers. It provides services in wholesale banking, retail banking, business banking, investment banking and related financial services which include Islamic banking, underwriting of general insurance, stock and share broking, futures broking, investment advisory and management services in assets, real estate investment trust and unit trusts.*

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