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## **AmInvest Launches Nutrition Fund**

AmInvest has introduced its Sustainable Series – Nutrition Fund (“**Fund**”), which is a long-term capital growth fund. The Fund will feed into Pictet - Nutrition (“**Target Fund**”), which invests in global companies contributing to and/or benefiting from the nutrition value chain, particularly the quality of nutrition, access to nutrition and sustainability of food production.

Commenting on the launch, Dato’ Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer of AmBank Group, said, “Focusing on environmental and socially responsible investments, the new fund is in line with AmBank Group’s commitment in the area of sustainability. Within the last year, AmInvest has already launched two other Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) funds<sup>1</sup> under the Sustainable Series, namely Positive Change Fund and Climate Tech Fund. The latest Fund invests in companies that help to secure food supplies and improve human and planetary health by contributing to positive dietary shifts and global food security. These companies also help to reduce food waste and some of the negative environmental impacts associated with traditional agriculture.”

Ms. Goh Wee Peng, Chief Executive of AmInvest, said, “We see that global food system has a strong investment case to support the nutrition theme, driven by environmental and human health issues. A huge investment opportunity exists for companies that contribute to improving sustainability of food production and food systems. These companies are evaluated based on the ability to generate sustainable growth, profitability, cash flow and return on investment capital.”

There are several drivers that support the nutrition theme. Given the immense pressure caused by food production on the environment, precision farming, animal and plant health products, and food waste solutions are seeing rising demand and growth. There is also increased awareness of the health impact from poor diets; hence, the increasing demand for healthy food.

Government policymakers are encouraging demands for reformulations of food and drink products to reduce levels of sugar, salt and saturated fats while consumers are turning to foods and supplements to improve immunity. As a result, there is an increasing divergence between the demand for healthy nutritious categories and traditionally packaged food categories. These changes in food choices, together with increasingly digital-savvy consumers, are also driving a dramatic growth for businesses in food e-commerce, personalised nutrition and food traceability.

The Fund's base currency is United States Dollar ("**USD**"). It is being offered for subscription to sophisticated investors in USD, Ringgit Malaysia ("**RM**") and in RM-Hedged classes at the initial offer prices of USD1 and RM1 per unit respectively during the initial offer period until 12 April 2022.

AmInvest is the brand name for the fund management business of AmFunds Management Berhad and AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd. For more details on the Fund's features and risks, please refer to the AmInvest Information Memorandum for Sustainable Series – Nutrition Fund dated 23 March 2022 via [aminvest.com](http://aminvest.com).

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**Notes and Sources:**

<sup>1</sup> *Qualified Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) fund under the Guidelines on SRI Funds issued by Securities Commission Malaysia.*

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