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## **AmInvest is the Best Bond Group at Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards**

AmInvest has been recognised as the Best Bond Fund Family Group Over Three Years ("**Best Bond Group**") for the third consecutive year at the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2022 ("**Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards**").<sup>1</sup>

In addition, AmDynamic Bond has swept all three Best Bond MYR Fund's individual award categories - Three Years', Five Years' and Ten Years'<sup>1</sup> performance<sup>1</sup>. Two of them are repeat wins as AmDynamic Bond has won the Best Bond MYR Fund Over Three Years and Best Bond MYR Fund Over Five Years for the third year running<sup>1</sup>.

The annual Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards highlights funds and fund management companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers for the year ended 31 December 2021.<sup>1</sup>

Commenting on the four wins, Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer of AmBank Group said, "We are delighted to receive these acknowledgements. AmInvest has been managing funds for over 40 years now and these awards truly underscore the capabilities of our investment team in adding value to investors' portfolios notwithstanding volatile market conditions."

Ms. Goh Wee Peng, Chief Executive Officer of AmFunds Management Berhad (AmInvest) said, "The leading factor affecting the outlook for bonds is the expected interest rate hike decisions by central banks in developed markets as rising inflationary fears continue. Although the market is pricing in such factors, this year will likely be another year of volatility."

AmDynamic Bond seeks to optimise risk-adjusted returns for investors based on, amongst others, interest rate expectations, currency movements and diversification opportunities through its exposure to both local as well as foreign bonds. The fund employs an active management investment strategy that seeks to increase returns by capitalising on market views and timing decisions rather than a buy-and-hold strategy.

As at 31 March 2022, AmDynamic Bond registered a total return (a measure of the fund's performance comprising income distribution and capital gains) of 14.3%, 28.5% and 59.4% over periods of three years, five years and ten years respectively.<sup>2</sup>

"The 2022 Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards recognises award winning managers who are successfully facing down market factors not seen in decades which include rising inflation, a thinning labor pool and continuing constraints on the global supply chain. Markets are ebbing and flowing along with the sentiments and emotions of investors as the pandemic continues to cloud outlooks and change perspectives. Fund managers find themselves looking beyond earnings statements and factoring in the impacts of various viral waves, all of which make active management more challenging than ever. We applaud the 2022 Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards winners such AmInvest for delivering outperformance and the accompanying comfort of consistency to investors' portfolios in a time of unprecedented changes," said Robert Jenkins, Head of Research for Lipper, Refinitiv.

AmInvest is a multiple award-winning investment solution provider managing unit trust funds, wholesale funds, institutional mandates, Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) and Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) funds, encompassing both conventional and Islamic funds.

Targeting the growing investors' awareness and interests in responsible investment, i.e., Environment, Social and Governance (ESG), AmInvest has launched three global sustainable investment funds under its Sustainable Series, namely, Positive Change, Sustainable Series – Climate Tech Fund and Sustainable Series – Nutrition Fund.

Recently, AmInvest was also honoured with four fund management awards, namely, Best Pension Fund Manager (for the fourth consecutive year), Best Bond Manager (for the second year in a row), Best Sukuk Manager and Best Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Engagement Initiative for Malaysia awards at the Asia Asset Management's Best of the Best Awards 2022 ("**Awards**"). The Awards recognise the most outstanding fund management players for their excellence in managing investments in the Asia-Pacific region.<sup>3</sup>

#### **About AmInvest**

AmInvest is the brand name for the funds management business of AmFunds Management Berhad and AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd, both of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of AmInvestment Bank Berhad. We are a multiple award-winning fund manager based in Malaysia with over 40 years of investing experience managing unit trust funds, wholesale funds, institutional mandates, Exchange Traded Funds and Private Retirement Scheme; encompassing both conventional and Shariah-compliant funds.

#### **Notes & Sources:**

<sup>1</sup> Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2022, March 2022, Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2021 and Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Based on performance data for AmDynamic# Bond compiled by Lipper, Refinitiv, as at 28 February 2022. Performance is shown in Malaysian Ringgit on a NAV price basis with income distribution reinvested. Performance figures are calculated net of all fees, charges and expenses, except entry charge and exit penalty (if any). Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

<sup>3</sup> Asia Asset Management, January 2022.

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