

### **KENANGA INVESTORS RECEIVES REGIONAL RECOGNITION** *Kenanga Investors Berhad Clinches Best Pension Fund Manager, CEO of the Year & CIO of the Year Awards In Hong Kong*



*Regional Recognition Clinched: Mr. Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director & CEO, Kenanga Investors Berhad receiving the awards from Mr. Tan Lee Hock, Publisher and Founder of Asia Asset Management.*

**KUALA LUMPUR, 5 APRIL 2018** – Kenanga Investors Berhad (Kenanga Investors) was awarded the **2018 Malaysia Best Pension Fund Manager Award**, while its Chief Executive Officer, Ismitz Mathew De Alwis and its Chief Investment Officer, Lee Sook Yee, were respectively named **2018 Malaysia CEO & CIO of the Year** by the Asia Asset Management’s (AAM) 2018 Best of the Best Awards dinner held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Hong Kong recently. This is the second consecutive year for De Alwis to receive the Malaysia Best CEO title and the third year running for Lee to be named as Malaysia Best CIO.

Kenanga Investors’ chief investment officer, Lee Sook Yee said, “In every investment that we put up for our clients, we look at identifying and converting potential which can be challenging, especially in volatile markets. It is vital for a fund house to subscribe to an investment philosophy that is able to demonstrate transparently its abilities to deliver consistent performance across cycles in the long-term.” She also adds that Kenanga Investors sees itself as a value-oriented, focused portfolio manager with a disciplined approach to research and bottom-up stock picking, regardless of market conditions.

Under the Best Pension Fund Manager category, Kenanga Investors was recognised for its capabilities for demonstrating a real appreciation of what long term and sustainable investing is all about. The fund house’s strategy is based on high equity content, and a long-term investment horizon allowing for annual volatility, which are all validated by the excellent average annual cumulative returns achieved over the last 1 year [13.80%], 3 years [30.0%] and 5 years [60.85%] as of 31 December 2017.

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“Receiving three regional recognitions further validates our consistent funds’ performance. We also believe that teamwork and commitment extended by our internal team as well as the continued support from our multi-channel distribution base and investors have inspired us to achieve infinite possibilities,” said Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, executive director and chief executive officer of Kenanga Investors. He further comments that the fund house will continue to optimize its asset allocation skill-set and diversify its investment strategy to provide customised solutions to clients.

AAM is the world’s longest- running publication focused on Asia’s institutional asset management and pension fund industry. Its Best of The Best Awards recognises the finest performers in Asia from financial services companies and institutional investors to service providers whose influence and excellence expands beyond borders. Find out more about the AAM’s Best of The Best Awards at: <http://www.asiaasset.com>.

The **2018 Malaysia CIO of the Year Award** was awarded based on the CIO’s achievements at the country level and the strategies employed to capture growth in the low yield investment environment.

The **Malaysia CEO of the Year Award** is in recognition of the CEO’s overall achievements, performance of funds, increase of assets under management and their demonstration of leadership in the market.

For more information about Kenanga Investors, please visit [www.kenangainvestors.com.my](http://www.kenangainvestors.com.my)

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### **About Kenanga Investors Berhad (353563-P)**

We provide investment solutions ranging from collective investment schemes, portfolio management services and alternative investments for retail, corporate, institutional and high net worth clients via a multi-distribution network. KIB prides itself on its reputation for its consistent top performing funds. It recently walked away with three awards at the Hong Kong based Asia Asset Management’s 2018 Best of the Best Awards for the Best Pension Fund Manager category and 2 other individual awards with their Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ismitz Matthew De Alwis being named Malaysia CEO of the Year (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year) and their Chief Investment Officer, Ms. Lee Sook Yee being named Malaysia CIO of the Year (3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year).

At The Edge | Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards 2018, KIB received the Best Equity Group (Islamic) award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Its Kenanga Malaysian Inc Fund and Kenanga Syariah Growth Fund won Best Equity Malaysia (Provident) under the 3-year category and Best Equity Malaysia (Islamic) under the 10-year category respectively. KIB was voted Investors’ Choice – Fund House of the Year at the Fundsupermart.com’s Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2017/2018. Kenanga Growth Fund (“KGF”) was recognised under the Core Equity – Malaysia category. This is the eight consecutive year KGF has been accorded this honour. Meanwhile, Kenanga OnePRS Growth Fund and Kenanga OnePRS Conservative Fund were recognised under the Private Retirement Scheme – Growth and Private Retirement Scheme – Conservative categories respectively.

KIB was assigned an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad. The rating reflects our well-established investment process, strong risk management practice and operating track record.

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