

KENANGA INVESTORS BERHAD SWEEPS BEST EQUITY GROUP (ISLAMIC) AGAIN

Also wins Best Equity Malaysia (Islamic) for the 10 years category and Best Equity Malaysia (Provident) for the 3 years category at The Edge | Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards 2018.

Kuala Lumpur, 6 APRIL 2018: Kenanga Investors Berhad (“Kenanga Investors”) continued its successful run this year at The Lipper Fund Awards 2018.



(From left to right) Lee Sook Yee, Chief Investment Officer, Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, and Christopher Kok, Senior Portfolio Manager.

For the second consecutive year, Kenanga Investors was named Best Equity Group (Islamic) and Kenanga Syariah Growth Fund (“KSGF”) also bagged the Best Equity Malaysia (Islamic) title for the 10 years category, while Kenanga Malaysian Inc Fund (“KMIF”) won the Best Equity Malaysia (Provident) for the three-year category.

According to Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kenanga Investors, “This marks yet another great achievement for Kenanga Investors. Our recognition is a clear substantiation of our commitment to deliver a consistent and strong investment performance over the long term in

line with our client centric strategy. We are confident in our research and stock-picking capabilities even during down times because of the investment beliefs shared by every team member. This honour encourages us to continue our successful approach in delivering attractive risk-adjusted returns. Winning the Best Equity Group award clearly demonstrates our consistency across our funds.

As at end 2017, KMIF delivered returns of 50.83%* (3 years) while KSGF delivered returns of 136.11%* (10 years) to clinch the awards in the respective category. Both funds have outperformed their benchmarks, with KSGF being ranked no.1 for the 10-year category in Equity Malaysia.

One of the biggest challenges faced last year was managing the increased volatility associated with various event risks; however, it was managed through investing in a diversified portfolio of companies with sustainable business models which traded at a discount to their intrinsic value.

For the rest of 2018, De Alwis advised investors to expect volatility to persist in the second quarter of this year. However, it is believed that the current market weakness presents an opportunity to position for a stronger 2H as the General Elections conclude, bringing back local and foreign investors’ confidence into our market. Investors are urged to look beyond the temporary slowdown and focus on long-term outlook of their investments.

“We are looking to expand to offer more Shariah-compliant investment offerings in line with the Government’s efforts to create a sustainable Islamic finance framework and ecosystem. This bodes well for our Islamic fund and wealth management blueprint as well as the increased investors’ interest in Islamic finance, added De Alwis.”

The Lipper Malaysia Fund Award is a prominent yearly event organised to honour top-performing unit trust funds in the country.

For more information about Kenanga Investors, please visit www.kenangainvestors.com.my.

**Results Source: Lipper Investment Management as at 31 December 2017*

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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 (2nd consecutive year) and their Chief Investment Officer, Ms. Lee Sook Yee being named Malaysia CIO of the Year (3rd consecutive year).

At The Edge | Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards 2018, KIB received the Best Equity Group (Islamic) award for the 2nd 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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