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KENANGA INVESTORS IS TRANSPARENCY CHAMPION

Kenanga Investors Berhad and Kenanga Islamic Investors Berhad win under Transparency Award category at MARC 2017 League Manager Lead Table Awards.

Kuala Lumpur, 24 September 2018: Kenanga Investors Group, comprising of Kenanga Investors Berhad (“KIB”) and Kenanga Islamic Investors Berhad (“KIIB”) was the inaugural winner of the Transparency Awards at the Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad’s (“MARC”) MARC 2017 League Managers Lead Table Awards which was held here recently. MARC’s Transparency Awards are given to financial service



(From left to right) Datuk Zainal Izlan Zainal Abidin, Deputy Chief Executive, Securities Commission Malaysia, Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, and Sabrina Kan Wai Sum, Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad.

organisations in the rating universe of MARC that lead the way in accountability and transparency best practices in their sector. Areas that are assessed during the selection process include an organisation’s risk management and internal control, financial management, processes and infrastructure. This was a new category introduced this year for local fund managers. Kenanga Investors Group was awarded for its contribution to advancing transparency in the field of asset management.

“To be recognised as a transparent and responsible asset management

organisation is a great achievement for us as a fund manager especially in current times. This also further adds on to when both KIB and KIIB were reaffirmed investment manager ratings of IMR-2 earlier in the year,” says Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director/ Chief Executive Officer of Kenanga Investors Berhad.

Both firms are pioneers in obtaining investment manager ratings from MARC, voluntary ratings that evaluate the quality of an investment or fund management firms and its vulnerability to financial and operational failure. Investment managers who fall within the IMR-2 category are defined as those who exhibit very good investment processes and risk management practices relative to the size and complexity of its investment management activities. The ratings reflect their well-established investment processes, sound risk management and strong operating records.

MARC is one of Malaysia’s two domestic credit rating institutions. Commencing operations in 1996, its rating coverage extends to Corporate Finance, including Financial Institutions and Insurance, Structured Finance, Public Finance, and Infrastructure and Project Finance.

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

Kenanga Investors

About Kenanga Investors Berhad (353563-P)

Kenanga Investors Berhad ("KIB") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad, the largest independent investment bank by equity trading value and volume#. KIB is licensed to perform regulated activities of fund management dealing in securities (restricted to unit trusts), investment advice, financial planning, and dealing in Private Retirement Schemes ("PRS") under the Capital Markets and Services Act ("CMSA") 2007. KIB provides investment solutions ranging from collective investment schemes, portfolio management services as well as segregated private mandates and alternative investments for retail, corporate and institutional clients.

KIB prides itself on its reputation for its consistently top performing funds. At The Edge Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards 2018, KIB received the Best Equity Group (Islamic) award for the 2nd consecutive year. Its funds Kenanga Malaysian Inc. Fund and Kenanga Syariah Growth Fund were named Best Equity Malaysia (Provident) under the 3 years category and Best Equity Malaysia (Islamic) under the 10 years category respectively.

The Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management's 2018 Best of the Best Awards awarded KIB under the Malaysia Best Pension Fund Manager. Meanwhile, its Chief Investment Officer Ms. Lee Sook Yee was named the 2018 Malaysia CIO of the Year (3rd consecutive year) and its Chief Executive Officer Mr. Ismitz Matthew De Alwis was named the 2018 Malaysia CEO of the Year for the 2nd year running.

At the KWAP External Fund Manager Awards, KIB was awarded the Best Domestic Conventional Equity 2017 in its capacity as fund manager. More recently at the Fundsupermart.com Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2018/2019, Kenanga Growth Fund was recognised under the Core Equity – Malaysia category for the 9th consecutive year while Kenanga Balanced Fund had its inaugural win under the Balanced – Malaysia category.

For the second consecutive year, KIB was affirmed an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad. The IMR rating on KIB reflects the fund management company's well-established investment processes, sound risk management practices and strong operating track record.

year to date based on Bursa Malaysia's Participating Organisations Trading Summary.

About Kenanga Islamic Investors Berhad (451957-D)

Kenanga Islamic Investors Berhad ("KIIB") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kenanga Investors Berhad. In line with Kenanga Investors Group's business plans for an Islamic fund management arm, KIIB applied for and received its Islamic fund management licence from the Securities Commission in April 2012. The company is licensed to perform regulated activities of fund management under the CMSA.

KIIB focused on exclusively providing Shariah-compliant investment products to both domestic and regional markets. The company provides Islamic investment solutions in portfolio management services and is currently the appointed external fund manager for Kenanga Investors' designated Islamic mandates.

KIIB was also affirmed an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad for the second year running. The rating reflects KIIB's well-established investment management process, underpinned by its prudent risk management practice.

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