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KENANGA GROWTH FUND AWARDED FOR 11TH STRAIGHT YEAR AT FSMONE AWARDS

Kuala Lumpur, 6 July 2020 – Kenanga Investors Berhad (Kenanga Investors) won three awards at the FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2020/2021 (“Awards”) recently. The Fund Manager’s flagship funds, Kenanga Growth Fund (“KGF”) and Kenanga Syariah Growth Fund (“KSGF”) were awarded under the *Core Equity – Malaysia* and *Core Equity – Malaysia (Islamic)* categories respectively. Meanwhile, the Kenanga Balanced Fund (“KBF”), which aims to provide a portfolio of investments with lower risk and lower volatility for investors, was awarded under the *Balanced – Malaysia* category.



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Executive Director/ Chief
Executive Officer

Lee Sook Yee
Chief Investment Officer

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Kenanga Investors attributes its consistent fund performance to its long-term investment strategy of bottom-up stock picking which hinges on extensive qualitative and quantitative research, all of which are subjected to stringent risk management procedures. De Alwis says that this has been essential under current global market conditions in order to identify attractive, off-benchmark stocks that may be undervalued relative to their peers, without taking on unnecessary risk.

Chief Investment Officer, Lee Sook Yee says, “Aside from the success of KGF, we are also proud to have KSGF and KBF win for the sixth and second time respectively. Especially in times such as these, investors are constantly on edge in anticipation of the next market upheaval. This recognition is a testament to our capabilities as solid fund managers.”

Despite the impact of the pandemic worldwide, Lee expects to see improved sentiment in the third quarter due to fiscal support and various liquidity programmes from governments and central banks, as more economies, including Malaysia, are coming out of lockdown. Lee says that the team will continue to remain selective on sectors which are less affected by the crisis. “We prefer defensive sectors such as utilities, consumer staples and healthcare while maintaining an overweight in technology and internet names due to decent earnings growth.”

Kenanga Investors

As of 31 May 2020, KGF outperformed its benchmark with performances of 12.85%¹ (5 years) and 200.09%¹ (10 years) while KSGF delivered returns of 10.89%¹ (5 years) and 126.80%¹ (10 years). Meanwhile, KBF's performance came in at 19.45%¹ (5 years) and 71.48%¹ (10 years).

The annual Awards honours the unit trusts which have made it to the FSMone's Recommended Unit Trusts list for the year. The unit trusts are evaluated based on Performance, Risk and Expense Ratio and other factors such as consistency in the fund manager's investment approach, the departure of key personnel as well as the stability of the management team.

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

¹Source: Lipper IM, as at 31 May 2020

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About Kenanga Investors Berhad 199501024358 (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. Most recently, the Kenanga Growth Fund ("KGF") won Core Equity – Malaysia while the Kenanga Syariah Growth Fund ("KSGF") won Core Equity – Malaysia (Islamic) at the FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2020/2021. The Kenanga Balanced Fund was recognised under the Balanced – Malaysia category. At the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards 2020, KIB won the "Best Mixed Asset Award – Malaysia Pension" and "Best Equity Award – Malaysia Islamic" titles. KSGF was awarded "Equity Malaysia – Malaysia Islamic" for 10-years while the Kenanga Diversified Fund was named "Mixed Asset MYR Flexible – Malaysia Pension" for 3-years and 5-years. KSGF was also named "Malaysia Best Equity over 10-years" at the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards 2020 for Global Islamic Markets. The Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management's 2020 Best of the Best Awards awarded KIB under the following categories, Malaysia - Best Equity Manager, Malaysia Best House for Alternatives, Malaysia CIO of the Year and Malaysia – Fund Launch of the Year. For the fourth 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. MARC also highlighted that KIB's average one-year, three-year and five-year annualised returns for its top 20 largest unit trust funds outperformed its benchmarks in 2019.

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