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## **KENANGA INVESTORS SWEEPS FIVE AWARDS AT 2023 BEST OF THE BEST AWARDS BY ASIA ASSET MANAGEMENT**

***Wins Malaysia Best Impact Investing Manager, Malaysia Best Equity Manager, Malaysia CEO of the Year, Malaysia Best House for Alternatives & Malaysia Most Improved Fund***

**Kuala Lumpur, 21 February 2023** – Kenanga Investors Berhad (“Kenanga Investors”) has received five awards at the 2023 Best of the Best Awards by Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management (“Awards”). The company was recognized for its exceptional performance in a number of categories, solidifying its position as a leading player in the industry.

Kenanga Investors received the following awards:

- *Malaysia Best Impact Investing Manager*
- *Malaysia Best Equity Manager*
- *Malaysia Most Improved Fund House*
- *Malaysia Best House for Alternative*

In addition, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Ismitz Matthew De Alwis was named *Malaysia CEO of the Year*, marking this the fourth year that he has received this prestigious award.

The firm excelled against a backdrop of reduced trading activities and prolonged turmoil due to a degree of volatility over the last two years to win the *Best Impact Investing Manager* and *Best Equity Manager* titles once more. “Our long-standing investment strategy of bottom-up stock picking ensures that we select quality companies with robust financial fundamentals. Ultimately, a sustainable company is one that produces strong results when measured using traditional financial measures as well as ESG considerations”, says Datuk Wira De Alwis.

This year also marks the fourth year that the fund house has been awarded *Best House for Alternatives*. Datuk Wira De Alwis explains that the firm’s overarching investment philosophy dictates that differing investment objectives require tailored solutions that cater to the unique needs of each investor. “We are pleased to be recognised for our efforts in providing our clients with a diversified investment portfolio that offers opportunities for long-term capital growth and stability. We are confident that our position within the alternative space continues to provide immeasurable value to our investors, enabling both retail and institutional investors to capture market opportunities in a volatile environment especially when the pandemic, coupled with the unrest in Europe, has accelerated the need for technological advances”, he says.

The fund house’s focus on diversification and sustainability is further demonstrated by the expansion of the Kenanga Sustainability Series, a suite of multi-asset class products, first introduced in 2021, which are rooted in sustainability considerations to advance long-term financial growth and to generate social financial value for surrounding communities. “In line with this, we aim to continue meeting the diverse demands of our investors by focusing on offering wealth protection solutions, such as insurance and private trust, to help preserve and grow investors' wealth”, says Datuk Wira De Alwis.



On its win as *Most Improved Fund House* this year, he explains “Our ascent to being recognized as one of the leading asset and wealth management firms in the industry is the result of a well-executed approach that combined strategic acquisitions and product expansions with a focus on cost-saving initiatives”. The fund house leveraged existing resources and grew its distribution network as part of its multi-product and multi-segment strategy which has driven customer satisfaction and loyalty as well as robust growth in its assets under administration.

The **Malaysia Best Impact Investing Manager** award recognises a firm’s success in deploying impact investing strategies in either public or private markets to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside sustainable financial returns.

The **Malaysia Best Equity Manager** award is in recognition of the success of the fund house’s equity products within Malaysia’s domestic market given the challenging trading conditions and its abilities in capturing potential growth opportunities.

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.

The **Malaysia Best House for Alternatives** award recognises the firm’s achievements in growing the alternatives market, its performance record and its growth in client base.

The **Malaysia Most Improved Fund House** award recognises a manager’s strong financial performance by growth in revenues and profits in the past two years.

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.

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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.

The Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management’s **2023 Best of the Best Awards** awarded KIB under the following categories, Malaysia Best Impact Investing Manager, Malaysia Best Equity Manager, Malaysia CEO of the Year, Malaysia Best House for Alternatives and Malaysia Most Improved Fund House.

The Kenanga Growth Fund Series 2 won Best Malaysia Large-Cap Equity Fund at the **2022 Morningstar Awards Malaysia**.

At the **Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2022**, KIB won overall best Mixed Assets - Malaysia Pension Funds Group award for the third time. Accompanying this were individual fund wins awarded to:

- Kenanga Growth Fund for best Equity Malaysia Fund over 10 Years
- Kenanga Malaysian Inc Fund for best Equity Malaysia Diversified over 3 Years
- Kenanga Growth Opportunities Fund for best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap over 5 Years
- Kenanga Diversified Fund for best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible over 10 Years

Additionally, the FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2022/2023 named Kenanga Growth Fund Series 2 as “Sector Equity – Malaysia Focused” and Kenanga Shariah Growth Opportunities Fund as “Sector Equity - Malaysia Small to Medium Companies (Islamic)”.

The Asset Benchmark Research has ranked KIB as Highly Commended on its list of ‘Top Investment Houses’ in the Asian Local Currency Bond Awards for Asset Managers.

At the United Nations Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (“UNGCMYB”) Sustainability Performance Awards 2022, we received the “Sustainable Products” award for our launch of sustainable products, which cover the Kenanga Sustainability Series – a suite of multi-asset class products rooted in sustainability considerations to advance long-term financial growth for investors and to generate social and financial value for surrounding communities. The award also recognised

the first SRI-qualified high yield bond fund in Malaysia, the Kenanga Sustainability Series: High Yield Bond Fund.

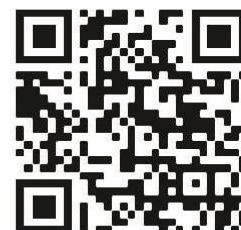
For the sixth consecutive year, KIB was affirmed an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad, since first rated in 2017. The IMR rating on KIB reflects the fund management company's well-established investment processes and sound risk management practices. During the first half of 2021, KIB's 20 largest unit trust funds outperformed its benchmarks for the one-year, three-year and five-year periods

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