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## **TA Investment Declares Income Distribution for 2 Funds**

Kuala Lumpur, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 - TA Investment Management Bhd ("TAIM") has declared a gross income distribution of 0.4 sen per unit (Quarterly) for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund ("TADIF") and 1.5 sen per unit for TA Asia Pacific Reits Income Fund ("TAREITs") to the registered unit holders of the Funds as at 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Some stability had since returned to the market. Investors have adjusted to the slightly higher US interest rates and the continued concern on sluggish growth. Fears of a possible hard landing for China's economy have also abated. Funds are again flowing in search of growth and income. Additionally, the emerging markets seemed to be the key beneficiaries possibly due to their inherently higher economic growth rates. Therefore, market sentiment has improved but we are aware that fund flows can be fickle and easily spooked.

However, liquidity would still be the main driver for equity markets in the next few months. After a global market correction in January, most markets are off their highs and valuations are more reasonable. Nonetheless, this gives room for a market recovery.

Fund managers in Malaysia also view REITs to be slightly positive in 2016 with retail exposure as increased disposable income from (i) reduced EPF contributions, and (ii) tax relief, would translate into higher retail spending. This would partly offset the negative impact from muted retail sales growth on rental reversions. The property sector in Malaysia also turns out to be neutral as part of the Government's efforts to meet accommodation needs for young Malaysians, it will increase the access to affordable housing. To boost domestic investment, government will launch several high impact developments, which include Malaysian Vision Valley (MVV) covering an area of 108,000 hectares from Nilai to Port Dickson and Cyber Cite Centre (CCC) in Cyberjaya.

TADIF seeks to provide income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in a collective investment scheme which invests mainly in portfolio of Asian stocks. TAREITs aims to maximize total investment return consisting of regular income<sup>\*</sup> and capital appreciation over the Medium to Long term by investing in Asia Pacific real estate investment trusts (REITs) and a portfolio of high dividend yield equity securities.

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## Profile of TA Investment Management Berhad

TA Investment Management Berhad (TAIM), a subsidiary of TA Securities Holdings Berhad (TASH) was incorporated on 17 April 1995 and commenced operations on 1 July 1996. As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 TAIM has total assets of approximately 930 million, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than nineteen (19) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-three (23) funds currently under its management, of which seven (7) are Shariah-compliant funds, one (1) wholesale fund and the remaining fifteen (15) are conventional funds. Its investment portfolio comprises a wide spectrum of funds ranging from low to high risk and caters to the different financial needs and objectives of investors.

TAIM funds are invested in both the local and international markets by an experienced investment team. These unit trust funds are distributed directly to customers as well as through appointed Institutional Unit Trust Advisers (IUTAs) and authorised consultants.

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