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TA Investment Declares Distribution for 2 Funds

Kuala Lumpur, 2nd February 2018 - TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 2.5 sen per unit for TA Dana Optimix (“TADO”) and 0.27 sen per unit for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund (“TADIF”) to the registered unit holders of the Funds as at 30th January 2018.

After three years of negative return, the FBMKLCI finally turned around in 2017 with a modest 9.4% return (+4.6% in the month of December 2017 alone). There is a strong possibility that the local market will play catch up in the first half of 2018. Economic conditions are benign and the country is recovering from the devastating effects of Goods and Services Tax (“GST”) and cheap crude oil prices. In short term, the Malaysian Ringgit appeared to have stabilized and is even strengthening in spite of raising the United States (“US”) interest rate. Then there is the positive influence of a coming general election which could carry the market further up.

The strengthening Ringgit in 2017 was due to positive outlook and price recovery in the global crude oil as Brent Crude traded at USD 66.62 per barrel at the end of 2017. The better-than-expected Malaysia’s Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) growth that rose by 5.9% Year-on-Year (“YoY”) in the nine-month period further reinforced the country growth prospects. Note that, GDP increased by 6.2% YoY in Quarter 3 2017, expanding its fastest pace in more than three years and hawkish statement from Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) during its last meeting in November 2017, and indicating potential interest rate hike this year.

The Malaysian equity market will likely maintain its positive run in the year ahead, with the local benchmark index expected to close higher by end-2018. We also expect small and mid-cap stocks to be in the limelight as a result of the Government’s mandate to government-linked corporations (“GLC”) funds to invest in this sector.

TADO aims to achieve steady capital gains with consistent income over the medium to long-term by investing in a diversified mix of Shariah-approved instruments. TADIF seeks to provide income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in a collective investment scheme which invests mainly in a portfolio of Asian stocks.

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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 31st December 2017, TAIM has total assets of 1.69 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has twenty-one (21) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-four (24) funds currently under its management, of which eight (8) are Shariah-compliant funds and sixteen (16) 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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