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**TA Investment Declares 0.4 sen Distribution for TA Islamic Fund**

Kuala Lumpur, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 - TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 0.4 sen per unit for TA Islamic Fund (“TAIF”) to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

Since the beginning of the year, investing in the equity market has been a challenging experience. What makes it even more difficult was the fact that most markets showed negative year to date returns. Our main issues with the market were its high volatility and near record levels. We deemed market risk is high while average expected return is paltry. Key uncertainties such as the on-going trade war posturing between the United States (“US”) and China, changes in the US stance against Iran and the unpredictable President Trump himself continued to cause market sentiment to swing wildly. The confluence of all these factors prompted us to take a cautious point of view.

The FBMKLCI has been one of the best performing market for year to date. Some have attributed it to the strengthening of crude oil prices and our Malaysian Ringgit (“MYR”) which improved the country’s finances. It could also be due to positive sentiments because of a general election. We believed it was more of the later as there was a 15% divergence between the FBMKLCI and the FBM Small cap index, denoting that only the core big cap stocks were supported. We would look for value in the mid-cap and small cap space and any significant correction in the market is an opportunity to accumulate stocks.

TAIF aims to achieve steady capital growth over the medium to long term period by investing in a portfolio of authorized investments which conforms strictly to Shariah principles.

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## NOTE TO THE EDITOR

### ***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 2018, TAIM has total assets of RM1.87 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than 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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