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**TA Investment Declares Distribution for Two Funds**

**Kuala Lumpur, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018** - TA Investment Management Bhd (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 0.7 sen for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund (“TADIF”) and 1.5 sen for TA Asia Pacific REITs Income Fund (“TAREITs”) to the registered unit holders of the Funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

The rising United States (“US”) interest rates, a strong US dollar and an escalation of the trade disputes between China and the US impacted investor sentiment added pressure on Asia Pacific equity markets. In addition, stress in emerging markets, especially in Turkey, South Africa and Argentina prompted fears of contagion and led to currency weakness in some of the more fragile Asian currencies. The portfolio’s holdings in higher yielding sectors were beneficial as volatility increased, while positions in energy and materials were also beneficial. A significant portion of the outperformance over the period came from stock selection.

Meanwhile, the Asia Pacific Real Estate Investment Trust (“REITs”) market is expected to remain solid due to its defensive nature under current uncertain market environment due to trade friction and solid earnings results. Valuation of Singapore REIT market has a room to be upgraded to the rise of rent fee and the expansion and quality improvement of portfolio. Hong Kong REIT market is expected to keep its solid trend due to the improvement in business sentiment. Australian REIT market is expected to continue growing as financial environment is stable, however, the impact of change of the Australian Prime Minister to the monetary policy needs to be watched.

We remain cautiously optimistic on Asian equity markets based on what we consider to be attractive share price valuations, improving corporate earnings and resilient growth prospects, especially compared to the developed world. In the short term, however, markets will likely remain dictated by political factors and economic data especially from the US and China. The portfolio remains focused on domestically orientated sectors with a preference for dividend growth opportunities over defensive high yield based on share price valuation differentials.

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. TAREITs aims to maximise total investment return consisting of regular income\* 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.

*\* The regular income could be in the form of units or cash.*

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### ***About 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, TAIM has total assets of RM1.79 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than twenty (20) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-two (22) funds currently under its management, of which eight (8) are Shariah-compliant funds and fourteen (14) 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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