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TA Investment Declares Distribution for TA Dana Afif

Kuala Lumpur, 4th March 2019 - TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 1.3 sen per unit for TA Dana Afif (“TADA”) to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 28th February 2019.

Concerns of a global growth slowdown continued to rise in January 2019 with slowing growth in China and increasing uncertainty over Brexit darkening the outlook. As a result, both the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (“IMF”) cut the global growth forecasts again for 2019 by 0.1% and 0.2% to 2.9% and 3.5% respectively.

Locally, Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) left interest rates unchanged at 3.25% as widely expected while inflation for the full year 2018 was 1.0% (2017 at 3.7%). This was mainly due to lower oil prices and subdued impact of the Sales and Services Tax (“SST”). With growth expected to weaken and inflation to remain subdued, we do not rule out the possibility of a rate cut this year if growth continues to remain muted. Malaysian Government Securities (“MGS”) continued to be well supported, especially the longer end, which saw yields come down as the market showed a preference for longer durations.

While the financial markets struggle with quantitative tightening and reduced liquidity, global market uncertainties caused by trade war tensions and geopolitical risks exacerbate market risk going forward. We see increasing signs that the global economy may slow down and therefore a higher likelihood that some quantitative tightening measures, for example by the United States (“US”), may not have much room to move further. The expectation of slower growth in the future will usually result in yields on the longer end coming down. As such, we are lengthening the duration from 5.5 years to 6.0 years while remaining invested in easily traded sukuk certificates in the sukuk market.

TADA aims to provide regular income* while maintaining capital stability** over the Medium to Long-Term by investing in sukuk portfolio.

** Income could be in the form of Units or cash.*

*** This is not a capital protected/guaranteed fund and the returns are not guaranteed.*

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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 January 2019, TAIM has total assets of RM1.85 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-five (25) funds currently under its management, of which nine (9) 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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