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**TA Investment Declares Distributions for Two (2) Funds**

Kuala Lumpur, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 – TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared gross income distributions of 2.5 sen per unit for TA Dana Fokus (“TADF”) and 1.5 sen per unit for TA Asia Pacific REITs Income Fund (“TAREITs”) to the registered unit holders of the funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

TA Dana Fokus aims to achieve total return over the medium to long-term period by investing in a focused portfolio, mainly equities, that comply with Shariah requirements. Over the 5-year period up to 29 September 2023, TADF has achieved a remarkable return of 67.49%.<sup>1</sup>

The FBM KLCI index has remained in negative territory year-to-date, showing minimal movement over the last three years. As a result, there may not be much profits to take or further room for correction. However, the situation is improving with the current unity government’s increased efforts to promote our competitive advantages, with the aim of attracting more foreign direct investment. We believe that the targeted policies within in specific industries will be the key catalyst in attracting foreign funds back into our market. Our energy transition plan, with its strong focus on renewable energy sources including solar, hydro, and biomass, is particularly promising due to Malaysia’s abundant sunlight and rainfall along with availability of vast biowastes. We are also optimistic on selective manufacturing sectors, which will benefit from the trade diversion from China.

TA Asia Pacific REITs Income Fund aims to maximize the 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. TAREITs achieved total returns of 7.22% over the 5-year period as of 29 September 2023.<sup>1</sup>

Asia Pacific REITs have retreated year-to-date in 2023, as investors adopted a risk-off stance in response to the slowing economic outlook in Asia, rising crude oil prices, and the Federal Reserve (Fed)’s hawkish tone in its updated economic and policy rate forecasts. The emerging narrative of a “higher-for-longer” interest rate regime has also significantly dampened sentiment, affecting the prices of REITs. However, against this backdrop, REITs are becoming more attractive due to their discounted valuations, while the fundamentals remain supportive. Steady rental growth and a tighter supply outlook should limit downside risks.

*Source: TA Investment Management Berhad, as of October 2023.*

<sup>1</sup>*Lipper for Investment Management, as at 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.*

***Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.***

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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 of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, TAIM has total Assets Under Management (“AUM”) of RM 9.78 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than twenty-five (25) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of forty one (41) funds currently under its management, of which nine (9) are Shariah-compliant funds and thirty-two (32) 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’s 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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