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AmInvest Declares Income Distribution of RM30 million

AmInvest has declared income distribution of approximately RM30 million for 18 unit trust funds from September to November 2018. These funds encompass conventional and Shariah-compliant offerings across various asset classes.

One of these funds is AmIncome Reward (the "Fund"), an in-house managed fixed income fund launched in 2006. The Fund declared an annual income distribution of RM0.035 per unit in September 2018. This represents an income distribution yield (the rate of the Fund's return based on income distribution) of around 3.7%, which was computed based on the Fund's net asset value of RM0.9547 per unit as at 30 November 2017¹. The Fund has generated a one-year total return (a measure of the Fund's performance comprising income distribution and capital gains) of around 5.3%, beating its 52 peers' average total return of about 4.1%.² In terms of consistency of fund performance, it was in the top quartile under the Bond MYR Non Islamic (Lipper Global Classification) category over the one-year period.²

"Last year, given the volatile market conditions, we applied a defensive investment strategy to help cushion the impact to investors' portfolios during market downturns," said Goh Wee Peng, Chief Executive Officer of AmInvest.

Commenting on the market outlook this year, she said, "We foresee possible market volatility over the year and with this, our investment stance for our local and global portfolios remains defensive. We would advise investors to focus on defensive strategies that emphasise on diversification and downside risk management. "

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Sources:

¹ Based on data compiled by Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company as at 30 November 2017.

² Based on data compiled by Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company for a one-year total return as at 30 November 2018. The list of peers is based on Lipper Global Classification, under the Bond MYR Non Islamic category, comprising a total of 53 funds. Performance is shown in Malaysian Ringgit on a Net Asset Value (NAV) price basis with income distribution reinvested. Performance figures are calculated net of all fees, charges and expenses, except entry charge and exit penalty (if any). Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

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