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Asia's Best Asset Manager Award Caps Stellar Year for AmInvest

AmInvest was recently honoured as Asia's Best Asset Manager 2013 by *Islamic Business and Finance* magazine published by CPI Financial at the Islamic Business & Finance Awards 2013¹ in Dubai, capping off an incredible year of acknowledgements for the company.

2013 has been a stellar year for AmInvest. Since the start of the year, it has received an overall record total of 20 local and international wins encompassing company and fund performance awards, out of which nine were dedicated Shariah-compliant acknowledgements.²

The *Islamic Business & Finance Awards* programme which is currently in its eighth year highlights, encourages and rewards the exceptional performance and growth of the international Islamic business and finance community. It recognises the best performing institutions in a variety of regions where Islamic finance is either already developed or is rapidly expanding. Nominees were short-listed from hundreds of top Islamic institutions. Tens of thousands of votes were cast by the readers of *Islamic Business & Finance* and the registered users of the financial news website www.cpifinancial.net. AmInvest was shortlisted by an esteemed panel of judges and topped the Best Asset Manager, Asia category.³ The judging criteria included the demonstration of sound financial key performance indicators and successful products and services in the last 12-18 months as at June 2013.

"We are truly honoured to take home the award as Asia's Best Asset Manager, an international acknowledgement that truly underscores key attributes of our

Shariah-compliant expertise and capabilities built over three decades. Our focus has always been to provide the best global investment solutions that cater to the investment needs of global investors. As we expand our global footprint, the acknowledgments of our team's hard work and commitment to excellence through these awards will only spur us to continuously look for opportunities and create value for our clients," said Datin Maznah Mahbob, Chief Executive Officer, AmInvest.

"We see the demand for Shariah-compliant solutions on an increasing trend as investors are now seeking similar risk-adjusted returns that they have previously enjoyed in their conventional investments, in the form of Shariah-compliant investments. As such we always ensure a compelling value proposition from a Shariah-compliant solutions standpoint that is comparable with our conventional offerings for all investors, both Muslim and otherwise. Despite market volatility last year, we delivered above average returns in terms of one-year performance across all asset classes, both local and foreign investments for most of the Shariah-compliant unit trust funds we managed,"⁴ she added.

To date, AmInvest's suite of Shariah-compliant fund offerings comprises 49 Shariah-compliant funds (21 unit trust funds, 20 institutional mandates and eight Private Retirement Scheme funds) with total assets under management of approximately RM5 billion.⁵

About AmInvest

AmInvest is the new brand for the funds management business of AMMB Holdings Berhad which manages both conventional and Shariah-compliant funds. It is one of the leading fund management houses in Malaysia and has approximately RM34.8 billion assets under management (AUM) as at 30 November 2013.*

To date, AmInvest manages 81 unit trust funds and 8 Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) funds (3 PRS core funds and 5 PRS non-core funds) encompassing both conventional and Shariah-compliant funds.**

AmInvest has an award-winning track record spanning more than three decades which includes being recognised as Best Overall Fund Group at The Edge Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2013.***

* *Lipper Investment Management, AmInvestment Services Berhad, AmInvestment Management Sdn Bhd and AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd as at 30 November 2013.*

** *AmInvestment Services Berhad as at 30 November 2013.*

*** *The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2013, February 2013*

Sources

¹ *Islamic Business & Finance Awards, December 2013*

² *AmInvest as at 17 December 2013.*

³ *Islamic Business & Finance website, available online at <http://www.cpifinancial.net>. Data extracted 22 November 2013.*

⁴ *AmInvestment Management & Lipper Investment Management for a one-year period between 31 December 2011 to 31 December 2012(data submitted to contend in this category). Data extracted 30 August 2013.*

⁵ *AmInvest as at 30 November 2013, extracted 18 December 2013.*

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