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**TA Investment Declares 0.8 sen Distribution for TA Dana Afif Fund**

Kuala Lumpur, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 - TA Investment Management Bhd ("TAIM") has declared a gross income distribution of 0.80 sen per unit for TA Dana Afif Fund ("TADA") to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 29th February 2016.

Despite the build-up in external headwinds that could prove challenging for emerging market economies and financial markets in 2016, Malaysia is expected to be one of the beneficiaries should global money return to emerging markets in a big way.

As widely expected, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained the overnight policy rate (OPR) at 3.25%, but reduced the statutory reserve requirement (SRR) ratio to 3.5% from 4.0%, effective 1 February 2016. The SRR has stood at 4% since July 2011. Bank Negara said the move to reduce the SRR ratio was part of a "comprehensive effort" by the central bank to ensure sufficient liquidity in the domestic financial system and to support the orderly functioning of the domestic financial markets. There have been some concerns that domestic liquidity conditions have tightened as evidenced from the rise in the KLIBOR rates late last year. The reduction in SRR and the recalibrated budget indicate that the government is aware of growth risks to the Malaysian economy as global economic uncertainties and financial markets continue to be turbulent. We believe that measures taken at the moment are appropriate to instill confidence in the domestic economy and to cope with the global headwinds. The reduction in SRR boosted the liquidity in the market which resulted in rally in the bond/sukuk market. We see potential of further SRR and/or OPR cut if growth is slower than expected. This will give potential for higher return for the sukuk market.

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

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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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 TAIM has total assets of 907 million, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than nineteen (19) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-two (22) funds currently under its management, of which seven (7) are Shariah-compliant funds and the remaining fifteen (15) 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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