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**TA Investment Declares 0.35 sen Distribution for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund**

Kuala Lumpur, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 - TA Investment Management Berhad ("TAIM") has declared a gross income distribution of 0.35 sen per unit for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund ("TADIF") to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Asia Pacific markets started the year strongly but increased trade tension between China and the United States ("US"), combined with a further US interest rate rise pushed markets lower in the first quarter of 2018 (in USD terms as measured by the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific ex Japan Index). Southeast Asian markets such as Malaysia and Thailand were the performers as they benefited from the strength of the oil price and avoided the sell-off in the technology sector, which hampered the North Asian markets. On the other hand, Australia and India disappointed. Australia was impacted by its banking sector due to the launch of a Royal Commission to look at non-competitive practices. For India, a lackluster budget combined with a poor showing for the ruling party in local bi-elections weighed on returns.

We remain cautiously optimistic on Asian equity markets based on attractive valuations, improving corporate earnings and resilient growth prospects. In the short term, however, markets will remain dictated by political factors and economic data, especially from the US and China.

TADIF seeks to provide income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in a collective investment scheme which invests mainly in a portfolio of Asian stocks.

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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> March 2018, TAIM has total assets of RM1.87 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than twenty-one (21) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-four (24) funds currently under its management, of which eight (8) 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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