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TA Investment Declares Distribution for 2 Funds

Kuala Lumpur, 3rd May 2019 - TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 0.30 sen for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund (“TADIF”) and 1.60 sen for TA Asia Pacific REITs Income Fund (“TAREITs”) to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 30th April 2019.

Asian markets delivered a strong start to the year, rebounding from the weakness in 2018. Expectations about the pace and timing of future United States (“US”) interest rate increases shifted considerably, boosting appetite for emerging market and Asian assets. There has also been a softening in the US stance towards the implementation of trade tariffs against China. Although no resolution has been reached, a deal of some kind seems much more likely given the impact that the tariffs have already had on global growth and investment. Asia remains a bright spot and among the highest growth regions in the world. Even with a slowing Chinese economy and a revised Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) growth band of 6% to 6.5%, Chinese economic growth remains healthy. Outside of China, market focus has been more political with major elections in India, Indonesia and Thailand during the first half of the year.

Fund Manager remains cautiously optimistic on Asian markets due to attractive valuations and resilient growth prospects, especially compared to the developed world. However, in the short term, markets will likely remain dictated by political factors and economic data especially from the US and China. Fund Manager remains focused on domestically orientated sectors with a preference for dividend growth opportunities over defensive high yield based on valuation differentials.

On another note, the Malaysian Real Estate Investment Trust (“REITs”) sector is also on a healthy growth path and the matured assets are able to withstand the challenges faced by REITs’ operators. The REITs Index performance is expected to be positive again for the year as its fundamentals remain intact. REITs are an excellent proxy to the Malaysian property market as unit holders can enjoy both capital gain and income distribution without the hassle of managing the assets on their own.

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. TAREITs aims to maximise total investment return consisting of regular income* and capital appreciation over the medium to long-term by investing in Asia Pacific REITs and a portfolio of high dividend yield equity securities.

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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 31st March 2019, TAIM has total assets of RM2.12 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than twenty (20) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-six (26) funds currently under its management, of which nine (9) are Shariah-compliant funds and seventeen (17) 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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