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**TA Investment Declares Distribution for TA Dana OptiMix**

**Kuala Lumpur, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021** – TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 2.0 sen per unit for TA Dana OptiMix (“TADO”) to registered unit holders of the funds as at 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

TADO aims to achieve steady capital gains with consistent income over the medium to long-term by investing in a diversified mix of Shariah compliant instruments. The portfolio has the flexibility of changing its asset allocation strategy depending on investment market conditions. Over the year of 2020, TADO had cumulative returns of 24.02% as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.<sup>1</sup>

According to the Fund Manager of TADO, fiscal year 2021 should represent a recovery year for the economy as well as most businesses and social activities. People are expected to slowly return to their “normal” lifestyle and the world would resume its “normal” cycle. However, the world is continuously evolving and we have to embrace and adjust to the “new normal”.

Investment-wise, our initial focus will be on market sectors that have weakened during the COVID-19 pandemic but continue to exhibit solid fundamentals with relevant post-pandemic businesses. Our top recovery sectors would include the tourism-related businesses including airports, airlines and retail. Although we do not expect full recovery to pre-COVID-19 levels, the initial rebound from the low point can be substantial.

As consumer demand also continues to recover and consumption goods start to move, we believe that the manufacturing, industrial and material sectors will resume their growth trajectory. Electrical goods makers, breweries, soft drink firms, steel producers and electronic parts manufacturers or Electronics Manufacturing Services (“EMS”) providers should stand to benefit from pent-up demand. On the cyclical side, the oil and gas industry may continue to gain momentum with stronger demand from moving cars, ships, trains and airlines.

The declaration of emergency law in Malaysia due to the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in some increase in selling pressure and negative sentiment. It is important to make a distinction between emergency rule and martial law. Hence, the continuation of a civilian government has helped to calm the markets. The Fund Manager also expects to see a positive return in the market as retail investors also increase their participation.

Although we may see a breather in some recovery stocks, we expect those stocks to recover after the COVID-19 situation is dealt with and we continue to monitor vaccine news over the horizon. The Fund Manager cautions that the situation remains very fluid and timing the markets may be difficult. As such, they practise a buy and hold strategy through the emergency. The ample liquidity in the system with interest rate hike likely to happen only in 2022 and this pent-up demand will be key driving forces for the market at this time as 2021 should represent a recovery year for the economy once the COVID-19 situation is properly handled.

*(Source: TA Investment Management Berhad, as at 29 January 2021)*

<sup>1</sup>*Lipper for Investment Management, as at 31 December 2020.*

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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 of 31 December 2020, TAIM has total assets of RM5.29 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than twenty years (“20”) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of thirty-six (“36”) funds currently under its management, of which eight (“8”) are Shariah-compliant funds and twenty-eight (“28”) 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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