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**TA Investment Declares Income Distribution for 2 Funds**

Kuala Lumpur, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 - TA Investment Management Bhd (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 0.70 sen per unit (quarterly distribution) for TA Asian Dividend Income Fund (“TADIF”) and 1.70 sen for TA Asia Pacific REITs Income Fund (“TAREITs”) to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Positive expectations on global growth drove equity market up for the past three months even with the controversies and confusions from Mr Donald Trump's presidential office. Undeniably economic numbers have strengthened in the US and Europe or have bottomed out in China. Global sentiment has turned from pessimism to hopeful recovery. This was in turn supported by the massive liquidity pumped into the ecosystem during the quantitative easing (QE) era. Market could still sustain its current rally as general valuations are high but not at unrealistic level yet. We believe liquidity momentum can carry the market higher.

Meanwhile, all Asia Pacific countries (except New Zealand) and all sectors registered gains, largely due to better than expected economic data and strong earnings trends. The best performing market was India, where strong results for Modi's ruling BJP party in the Uttar Pradesh elections was seen as an acceptance of the reform agenda and was well received. South Korea continued its strong run following the impeachment of President Park and despite unwelcome negativity from North Korea, while Indonesia and Thailand reversed some underperformance from earlier in the year. Hence, TAIM is cautiously optimistic on the outlook for the region. Valuations remain attractive, especially relative to western markets, while reforms in key markets will improve the quality of economic growth across the region.

Additionally, the outperformance of Asian property equities has begun to moderate after a strong start to the year but TAIM remain fairly positive on the region which is largely shielded from the political uncertainties in the West. Property fundamentals are largely stable. There are some green shoots beginning to appear in selected markets after years of down cycle, which presents opportunities to invest in high quality companies that could benefit from the potential turnaround.

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 real estate investment trusts (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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 TAIM has total assets of 1.14 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-three (23) funds currently under its management, of which seven (7) are Shariah-compliant funds, and sixteen (16) 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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