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**TA Investment Declares 2.0 sen Distribution for TA South East Asia Equity Fund**

Kuala Lumpur, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) has declared a gross income distribution of 2.0 sen per unit for TA South East Asia Equity Fund (“TASEA”) to the registered unit holders of the Fund as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Equity markets continued to edge higher over April 2017 with the global aggregate recording its sixth consecutive month of positive returns (+1.2%), the longest streak since 2013. The key highlight for April 2017 is the first round of the French election. Markets were suitably cautious in the run-up to the event with the political anomalies of 2016 fresh in mind. The results of the Netherlands and French election saw a market friendly outcome with mainstream governments being elected.

Equity investors had a good quarter and a good start to 2017. Most key global markets chalked strong positive gains. The Dow Jones remained resilient and European markets saw strong single digit gains so far. Emerging markets and China have also rebounded strongly. Liquidity flows exerted its influence with no major unexpected negativity affecting the global market. Moving forward we are turning more cautious as markets may consolidate for a while and may be too news-driven. We also think that it would be prudent to take some profits off the table.

We also have similar view for the Malaysian market in the sense that market may become more bouncy. The case for Malaysia is a bit different as the market has underperformed for the last three years including its currency. The Year-to-Date (“YTD”) rise in the FBMKLCI was in line with its regional peers and in no way excessive. Sentiment has improved and the occasional election boosts from expectation of an election this year continued to give credence to this “feel good” factor.

TASEA aims to provide steady income and long-term capital growth by investing primarily in quoted or listed equities and equity related instruments (including real estate investment trusts) in South East Asia markets.

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## NOTE TO THE EDITOR

### ***Profile of Lion Global Investors Limited***

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Established as an Asian asset specialist since 1986, Lion Global Investors Limited's core competencies are in managing Asian equities and fixed income strategies and funds to both institutional and retail investors. Its large and experienced investment team of more than 40 investment professionals averaging 15 years of financial industry experience is firmly dedicated to Asian and global equities and fixed income markets.

Lion Global Investors' network of regional offices outside of Singapore includes Malaysia and Brunei.

Lion Global Investors Limited is 70% owned by Great Eastern Holdings Limited and 30% owned by Orient Holdings

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Lion Global Investors Limited has been managing collective investment schemes and discretionary funds in Singapore since 1987 and investment-linked product funds since 1996.

For more information about Lion Global Investors Limited, please visit [www.lionglobalinvestors.com](http://www.lionglobalinvestors.com)

### ***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> October 2017, TAIM has total assets of 1.751 billion, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has twenty-one (21) 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) 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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