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TA Investment wins Best Climate Action Impact at The Edge ESG Awards 2022

Kuala Lumpur, 7th December 2022 – TA Investment has been conferred Best Impact Climate Action Silver at The Edge ESG Awards 2022 for the TA Global Absolute ESG Alpha Fund (“TAGESG”, or “the Fund”).

The Edge ESG Awards were organized in collaboration with Bursa Malaysia Bhd and FTSE Russell, with Morningstar as the knowledge partner for the funds category. According to the Morningstar Sustainability Report¹, TAGESG scored highly within the Climate Action theme, which is primarily concerned with the global effort to curb rising temperatures. It includes measures to promote clean energy, limitations on greenhouse gas emissions from business activities, as well as climate change adaptation measures.

“We are honored to accept this recognition of our commitment and focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) investing,” said Mr Wong Mien, the Chief Executive Officer of TA Investment.

“We are trying to make an impact through the products we are offering to investors. We are confident that sustainability investing is the key moving forward as people are increasingly experiencing the effects of climate change, whether that is record-breaking temperature changes globally or even surging cases of flooding closer to home here in Malaysia,” added Wong Mien.

Launched in March of 2021, the TA Global Absolute ESG Alpha Fund is TA Investment’s inaugural Sustainable and Responsible Investment (“SRI”) fund, which was created in partnership with Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd (“Fullerton”).

The Fund is a high-conviction, total return strategy which targets a positive long-term return of 8% per annum and above across market cycles.

The strategy is led by Mr Ken Goh, the Chief Investment Officer of Fullerton, with a long and proven track record in managing absolute return equity strategies, supported by a well-resourced and experienced team averaging 15 years of investing experience in equity markets.

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“We are honoured to receive this award in recognition of the hard work we have put in thus far,” said Fullerton. “ESG is an important aspect of investment research and we use it to enhance our understanding of companies for both managing risks and driving alpha.”

Fullerton is part of a multi-asset management group, Seviaora, a holding company established by Temasek. Income Insurance, a leading Singapore insurer, is a minority shareholder of Fullerton. Fullerton is also one of the nine founding members of the Singapore Green Finance Centre (SGFC) and a member of the Principles of Responsible Investing (PRI) and the Asia Pacific Financial Forum (APFF) ESG Investment Working Group.²

TA Global Absolute ESG Alpha Fund actively integrates ESG principles in the investment process, focusing on material ESG issues in investment decision-making. Helmed by its dedicated ESG team, Fullerton employs its in-house ESG evaluation, analyst reviews, as well as company-level engagements to ensure the long-term suitability of investments. The Fund’s portfolio is further constructed in line with Fullerton’s ESG approach, which is anchored upon the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

“We remain committed to sustainability, whether through our operations where we are targeting to reduce paper use, or through launching innovative and impactful products, such as our recently launched TA Sustainable Water and Waste Fund earlier in February 2022,” said Wong Mien.

Source: TA Investment Management Berhad (“TA Investment”), Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd. (“Fullerton”), as of November 2022.

¹ Morningstar Sustainability Report, dated 15 November 2022.

² Fullerton is the External Investment Manager of TA Global Absolute ESG Alpha Fund.

**The regular income could be in the form of units or cash.*

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TAIM has more than twenty-five years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of forty-one (“41”) funds currently under its management, of which nine (“9”) are Shariah-compliant funds and thirty-two (“32”) 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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