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**TA Investment Launches New Fund
– TA Total Return Fixed Income Fund**

Kuala Lumpur 1 October 2012 – TA Investment Management Berhad (“TAIM”) today launched the TA Total Return Fixed Income Fund (“TRFIF”), a feeder Fund which feeds into PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series plc – Total Return Bond Fund (SGD Hedged) (“Target Fund”).

For the past five years, the Target Fund recorded total annualised return of 6.63% as at 31 August 2012 and outperformed its benchmark, Barclays Capital US Aggregate (SGD Hedged) Index which registered total annualised return of 6.16% over the same period. (Source: PIMCO).

The Target Fund was given high recognition ratings by independent investment research providers, such as Morningstar, Lipper and Standard & Poor.

The Target Fund’s manager, PIMCO a leading global investment management firm with an expert management team has a history of long term performance in both bull and bear markets. Its portfolio fund manager, Bill Gross, with an experience of 42 years has won the Morningstar award 3 times as the Fixed Income Manager of the year 1998, 2000 & 2007 and awarded the Morningstar Fund Manager of the Decade (2000 - 2009) in 2010. The Target Fund benefits from an investment manager who has the skill and experience to navigate the complexities of a wide range of market and economic cycles. They strive to identify risk early while also being actively positioned to capture attractive returns.

TRFIF aims to provide total return by investing in the Target Fund which aims to maximize total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management by investing at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of Fixed Income Instruments of varying maturities.

“It is important to have a “core investment” in the portfolio to capture different investment opportunities. With the current market condition being volatile, we believe the fund primarily investing in high investment grade can lay a solid foundation for the fund,” said Mr Wong Mien, Chief Executive Officer of TAIM.

TRFIF has an approved fund size of 300 million units. The price per unit of the Fund is RM0.50 and will be offered for 21 days from its launch date 1 October until 21 October 2012 with a minimum investment of RM1,000.

The Fund is available for purchase from TAIM offices, its authorised unit trust consultants and Institutional Unit Trust Advisers (IUTAs). For more information, please call 1-800-38-7147.

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Chief Executive Officer's Profile
Mr Wong Mien
TA Investment Management Berhad

Mr Wong is responsible for the overall direction and supervision of the company. He graduated from the University of Malaya with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in 1987, majoring in Mathematics and qualified as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) in 2003.

He has since garnered over 21 years of experience in the financial industry while working with American International Assurance Berhad, HLB Unit Trust Management Berhad and Alliance Investment Management Berhad. This included being involved in the management of a unit trust company while serving as the General Manager of KL City Unit Trust Berhad from 2002. He took over the helm of TA Investment Management Berhad in March 2008.

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 30 August 2012 TAIM has total assets of RM740 million, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than sixteen (16) years of experience in managing unit trust funds with a total of twenty-two (22) funds currently under its management, of which two (2) are wholesale funds, six (6) are Shariah-compliant funds and the remaining fourteen (14) 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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