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## **TA Investment launches \*TA Select Titans in Asia Capital Protected Fund**

Kuala Lumpur, 2 November 2009 - TA Investment Management Berhad (TAIM) today launched the **\*TA Select Titans in Asia Capital Protected Fund (TASTIA)**, a 5 year close-ended capital protected\* fund which aims to provide annual returns throughout the Fund's life as well as capital protection\* upon maturity.

"After 2 years of global meltdown, we are finally seeing signs of recovery in the markets. Asia is seen as the driver of growth after this crisis and we believe that it will continue to perform for the next couple of years. TASTIA intends to give returns either in a sideways or an upward trending market. Another unique feature is that after any trigger point is reached, it will switch into a money market fund equivalent which potentially distributes returns above current deposit rates" said Mr. Wong Mien, Chief Executive Officer of TAIM.

TASTIA is a capital protected\* fund, seeks to provide investors with a Catch-up coupon of 6% p.a. either in sideways or rising equity markets. For investors who choose not to make any redemptions after receiving the Catch-up coupon, the Fund targets to provide Auto-Switch coupons of 3% p.a. annually until the maturity of the Fund. The actual rate of the Catch-up coupon and Auto-switch coupon will be determined on the Commencement Date of the Fund. The capital protection\* feature is designed to provide investors with peace of mind that they will still be able to receive their initial investment amount upon maturity regardless of market conditions.

"Capital protection\* should ease investors' worries over the risk of losing their principal investment and they should take additional comfort that TASTIA may provide potential returns even when the market is flat" says Mr. Wong Mien.

The Fund primarily will invest in a 60-month Ringgit Malaysia denominated Zero-coupon Negotiable Instruments of Deposits ("ZNIDs") issued by Malaysian banks of investment grade rated at least "AA" by RAM or equivalent to provide capital protection\* upon maturity. A maximum of 10% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in an over-the-counter option designed to provide potential annual returns benchmarked against the performance of selected reference companies whose securities are listed on international equity markets and whose businesses are exposed to the growth of the Asian economies.

TASTIA has an approved fund size of 200 million units. The price per unit of the Fund is RM1.00 and will be offered for 45 days from its launch date till 16 December 2009 with a minimum investment of RM1,000. TASTIA is available for purchase from TAIM offices, its authorised unit trust consultants and Institutional Unit Trust Advisers (IUTAs), namely, EON Bank, Maybank and Standard Chartered Bank. For more information, please call **1-800-38-7147**.

**\* Investors are advised that unlike a guaranteed fund, this capital protected fund is protected by investments in ZNIDs and not by a guarantee. Consequently, the return of capital is SUBJECT TO the credit/default risk of the issuers of the ZNIDs.**

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## NOTE TO THE EDITOR

### Chief Executive Officer's Profile



**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 (Honours) majoring in Mathematics in 1987, then qualified as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) in 2003.

He has since garnered over 20 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 the helm at TA Investment Management Berhad in March 2008.

### About 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 September 2009, TA Investment Management Berhad (TAIM) has total assets of RM746 million, being a combination of unit trust funds and direct mandate portfolios under its management.

TAIM has more than thirteen (13) years of experience in managing unit trust funds and a total of eighteen (18) funds currently under its management, of which 5 are Shariah-compliant funds and the remaining 13 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 authorized consultants.

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