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TA Investment declares unit split for 2 funds

Kuala Lumpur, 16 September 2009 - TA Investment Management Bhd (TAIM) has declared a unit split of 1:10 (one additional unit for every ten units held) for unitholders of TA Dana Fokus (TADF) for its financial year ending 30 April 2010 and TA Comet Fund (TACF) for its financial year ending 30 September 2009.

The last entitlement date for both funds is 15 September 2009.

“According to the Securities Commission’s guidelines, unit splits can only be exercised should a fund’s average net asset value (NAV) be on an uptrend for six consecutive months,” said Mr Wong Mien, Chief Executive Officer of TAIM. He said that the unit split exercise was declared due to the funds’ performances that had moved their unit pricing above the initial offer period level. TADF had earlier declared an income distribution of 3.5 sen per unit on 28 August 2009.

TADF recorded a return of 20.66%, since its launch on 17 June 2008 until 31st August 09, outperformed its benchmark the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Emas Shariah Index (FBM Emas Shariah) which registered a negative return of 7.60% over the same period (Source: Lipper Hindsight).

TACF has been giving consistent positive returns since its launch on 1 October 1999 and turned in a total gain of 146.74% until 28 August 2009. The Fund has outperformed its benchmark, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Emas Index (FBM Emas), which registered only a return of 56.82% (Source: Lipper Hindsight).

“We believe that a recovery in the market and economy is in the initial stages and the uptrend cycle is very much intact. In fact, the good news is that the recovery is coming faster than expected. We will continue to maintain high equity weightage for the funds to maximize potential gains” says Mr Choo Swee Kee, Chief Investment Officer of TAIM.

TADF aims to achieve total return over the medium to long-term period by investing in a focused portfolio, mainly in equities that comply with Shariah requirements. TACF’s main objective is to provide a channel for investors to invest in low-priced securities which offer good value with great upside potential and with the intention of diversifying into medium-priced securities and blue chips as the market moves higher over the medium to long term.

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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.

Fund Manager's Profile



Mr Choo Swee Kee ,CFA (Non-Independent)

TA Investment Management Berhad

Mr Choo joined the TA Group in July, 2005 as Deputy Chief Investment Officer. He was promoted to his current role of Chief Investment Officer in December 2006 where he is responsible for implementing the investing strategy of funds and managing the clients' portfolio.

After graduation, he joined the accounting group, Coopers & Lybrand in 1987 as a senior officer. Between 1990 and 1999, Mr Choo gained valuable knowledge and experience in the investment line working for Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. in Singapore, Schroders Investment Management (Singapore), Vickers Ballas Research (Malaysia) and Daiwa Securities Adviser (Malaysia). Prior to joining TA Group, he was the Chief Investment Officer of KLCS Asset Management Sdn Bhd.

He has more than 15 years of investment managerial experience and has actively participated in the management of equity and balanced funds for both institutional and private clients.

Mr Choo earned a BBA from the National University of Singapore and holds the CFA designation.

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 28 August 2009, TA Investment Management Berhad (TAIM) has total assets of RM778 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 seventeen (17) funds currently under its management, of which 5 are Shariah-compliant funds and the remaining 12 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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