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KENANGA INVESTORS CLINCHES MORNINGSTAR AWARD

Kenanga Investors receives Best Malaysia Large-Cap Equity Fund for Kenanga Blue Chip Fund



KUALA LUMPUR, 1 APRIL 2019 – Kenanga Investors Berhad (Kenanga Investors) was awarded the **Best Malaysia Large-Cap Equity Fund** for the Kenanga Blue Chip Fund (“KBCF”) at the Morningstar Awards 2019 ceremony.

Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer said “We are proud to have been recognised by Morningstar, a globally recognised investment research entity. No matter which quadrant the market currently resides in, we are committed to our philosophy of internal fundamental research which is derived from company contacts and visits, external research, databases and quantitative support”.

The award is KBCF’s inaugural win, and serves as a point of inspiration for the fund house to continue delivering for investors following the turbulence in 2018.

The portfolio of the fund is constructed using bottom-up analysis based on the level of conviction formed for individual stocks. Its aim is to achieve long-term capital growth through investments in companies that have relatively larger market capitalization by making an assessment of what a reasonable price is for the earnings growth that those companies offer.

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“This is especially crucial when there is a persistent general decline or other unexpected negative conditions, we are able to steer KBCF to adopt a more defensive attitude,” remarked De Alwis, stressing the importance of subscribing to an investment philosophy that is able to achieve consistent performances across cycles in the long-term.

The annual Morningstar Malaysia Fund Awards is designed to help investors identify the retail funds that added the most value for investors within the context of their relevant peer group in 2018 and over longer time periods. The awards methodology emphasises the one-year period but in order to obtain an award, funds must also have delivered strong three-year returns after adjusting for risk within the awards peer groups. Furthermore, they must have at least been in the top half of their respective peer groups in a minimum of two out of the three previous calendar years.

For more information about Kenanga Investors, please visit www.kenangainvestors.com.my

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About Kenanga Investors Berhad (353563-P)

Kenanga Investors Berhad (“KIB”) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad, the largest independent investment bank by equity trading value and volume. KIB is licensed to perform regulated activities of fund management dealing in securities (restricted to unit trust), investment advice, financial planning, and dealing in Private Retirement Scheme (“PRS”) under the Capital Markets and Services Act (“CMSA”) 2007. KIB provides investment solutions ranging from collective investment schemes, portfolio management services as well as segregated private mandates and alternative investments for retail, corporate and institutional clients.

KIB prides itself on its reputation for its consistently top performing funds. The Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management’s 2018 Best of the Best Awards awarded KIB under the Malaysia Best Pension Fund Manager. Meanwhile, its Chief Investment Officer Lee Sook Yee was named the 2018 Malaysia CIO of the Year (3rd consecutive year) and its Chief Executive Officer. Ismitz Matthew De Alwis was named the 2018 Malaysia CEO of the Year for the 2nd year running. At the KWAP External Fund Manager Awards, KIB was awarded the Best Domestic Conventional Equity 2017 in its capacity as fund manager.

FundsUPERMART.com Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2018/2019 recognised Kenanga Growth Fund under the Core Equity – Malaysia category for the 9th consecutive year while Kenanga Balanced Fund had its inaugural win under the Balanced – Malaysia category. For the second consecutive year, KIB was affirmed an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating



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Corporation Berhad. The IMR rating on KIB reflects the fund management company's well-established investment processes, sound risk management practices and strong operating track record. KIB was awarded the Transparency Award 2017 at MARC's 2017 Lead Managers League Table Awards, a first for the fund management industry.

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