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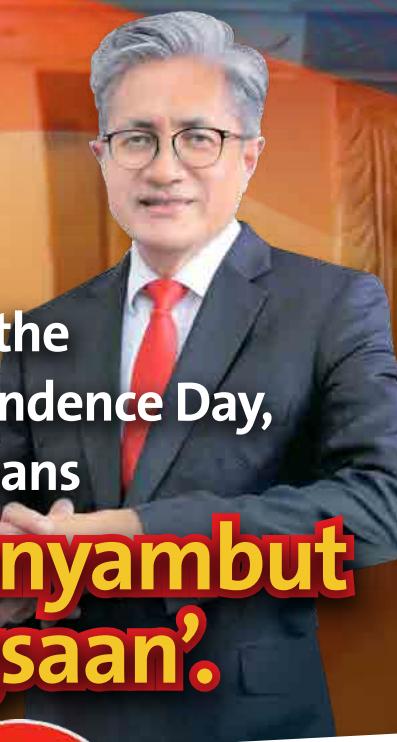
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Digitalisation is the way forward for the entire industry as we embrace the new norms in performing our daily tasks.

*Tan Sri Azman Hashim,
Chairman, AmBank Group*

In conjunction with the Nation's 63rd Independence Day, We Wish All Malaysians

'Selamat Menyambut Hari Kebangsaan'.

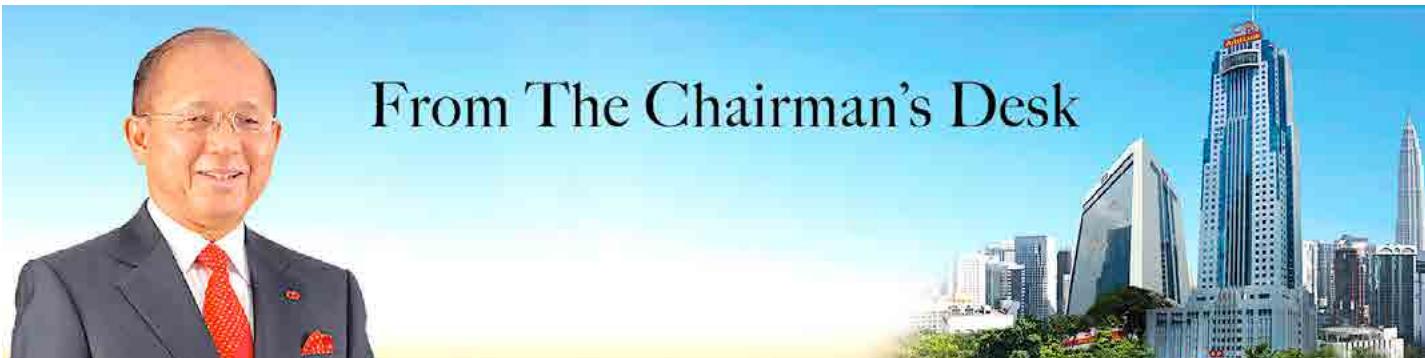
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From The Chairman's Desk

Dear AmBankers,

The COVID-19 pandemic has evolved further and we are dealing with significant global challenges. I would like to thank everyone in AmBank Group for the steps taken to weather this crisis and to cope with this situation. Your commitment makes all the difference. Despite these challenges, we continue to deliver revenue of over RM1.0 billion for the first financial quarter ended 30 June 2020 (Q1FY21). We should continue to assist our valued customers during this pandemic.

On the business front, we have partnered with Lagenda Properties Berhad to grant housing loan facilities and end financing as part of our commitment to help the Government to provide affordable homes for Malaysians. Companies like Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd have also benefited from our investments and wholesale banking solutions.

I am pleased to note that we continue to be recognised and honoured especially during this period. AmlInvestment Bank Berhad has won four awards at the 17th Annual RAM League Awards 2020 while AmlInvest has been acknowledged with three fund management awards at the 11th Fund Management Awards 2020, as well as Malaysia's Insurance Fund House of the Year for the third consecutive year at the Institutional Asset Management Awards 2020. AmBank Islamic Berhad was presented by Global Banking and Finance Review (GBAF) with the Best Islamic SME Bank Malaysia 2020 Award.

I am also pleased to welcome two new Board members to the Group:

- Encik Mohd Tarmidzi Ahmad Nordin as Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Director of AmMetLife Takaful Berhad on 10 August 2020. He has 42 years of experience in various capacities in insurance, takaful and education.
- Mr Daniel Francis Coman as the Non-Independent Executive Director of AmGeneral Insurance Berhad ("AmGeneral") on 24 August 2020. Mr Coman is IAG's Deputy Chief Financial Officer, having commenced in the role in January 2016. In addition to this role, Mr Coman has been the Chief Financial Officer of IAG's Australian division since March 2018.

Mr Duncan Victor Brain, who has served as a Non-Independent Executive Director of AmGeneral Assurance Berhad since September 2012 has resigned on 24 August 2020. On behalf of the Board of AMMB, I would like to thank him for his contribution during his tenure of eight years with us and wish him further success in his future undertakings.

It was good to see our AmBankers showing their patriotism and creativity at the Kelab AmBank Group (KAG) Merdeka Instagram Photo Contest 2020. The contest which focused on Iconic Landmarks of Malaysia in Pictures attracted positive responses from our members nationwide. Let us celebrate our diversity and be more tolerant towards one another. I hope the new KAG Office Bearers for 2020–2022 will continue to organise more activities and also observe the Standard Operating

Procedures (SOPs) set by the Government to curb the spread of COVID-19.

On the Digital front, we released a brand new experience on our multi-award winning AmOnline app which has since garnered resounding favourable reviews from customers. Our market share of internet banking subscribers and online digital transaction has been increasing steadily since 2018 to August 2020. For SMEs, we will soon be offering the nation's first truly contactless and fully digital online Current Account opening. Across all customer segments from retail individuals to large corporates we are witnessing higher levels of digital adoption. In addition, we were honoured to be recognised for Outstanding Contribution to JomPAY and MyDebit for the fourth year running and named Top JomPAY Acquirer this year by PayNet. This is a testament to our commitment and our continual effort to empower customers to embrace digital.

I would like to thank all AmBankers for your commitment and dedication. Please stay vigilant and disciplined in playing your roles in complying with the Government's SOPs during the current CMCO.

I take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu clients and staff a "Happy Deepavali" with good health, happiness and success. Keep Safe!

Yours sincerely,


Tan Sri Azman Hashim
Chairman
AmBank Group

AmBank Group at a Glance

TOTAL ASSETS
RM163.2 Billion
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
RM19.2 Billion
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

MARKET CAPITALISATION
RM9.36 Billion
EARNINGS PER SHARE
12.14 sen (Q1FY21)
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

NO. OF EMPLOYEES
10,149
BRANCH NETWORK
170
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear AmBankers,

Hope you are keeping well. Sadly, the COVID-19 cases in Malaysia have risen in the last few weeks. I urge you all to stay safe and please follow the required SOPs.

Our Performance

The financial services industry and many other industries globally are facing unprecedented challenges. Despite these challenges, I am pleased with the Group's overall performance in Quarter 1 for FY21 with 6.5% year-on-year underlying net profit growth. We continue to deliver revenue of over RM1.0 billion for the quarter under review, underpinned by strong trading and investment income, which cushioned the impact of margin compression and net modification loss taken on loans and advances under the moratorium. Costs were well-managed, with cost-to-income (CTI) ratio at 49.3%. Customer deposits increased 1.2% YTD to RM114.3 billion. CASA balances grew 6.2% and the CASA mix was higher at 26.8%, as a result of our aggressive CASA drive activities.

As part of our commitment to assist our customers in need and especially with the moratorium period now over as at end September, we have been proactively reaching out to our customers (both individuals and businesses) to better understand their financing needs and offer our assistance. We have done this via letters, SMSes, phone calls and through communication on our website and social media platforms. For our SME customers totalling more than 10,000, our Relationship Managers have been in close contact and even visited 100% them, to understand their needs for assistance. We have also opened 37 selected branches nationwide on weekends to support repayment assistance activities.

We have approved the rescheduling and restructuring of circa RM11 billion of outstanding loans as at October. We will continue to engage with our customers and support them during these trying times.



I have recently visited staff at the Contact Centre, Group Operations and the Collection Centre in Wisma AmFirst to thank them for their tireless efforts through this period. For those whom I did not manage to visit personally, your efforts are truly appreciated.



Partnerships

We continue to collaborate with our business partners to deliver business value.

As part of our efforts to ramp up the next wave of digital initiatives for our valued merchants and customers, we recently collaborated with Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd (PayNet) to introduce mTap. mTap is a secured contactless payment solution that uses a mobile device as a payment acceptance terminal to process debit card transactions. The solution is a viable and cost-effective option to enable more small



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Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir
Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group



and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to accept card payments.

We have also entered into a strategic partnership with Visa to grow AmBank's Credit Card business further where together we will be coming up with the latest cards proposition and campaigns to bring value to customers from all segments. To start off with this strategic partnership, we have launched a new Cash Rebate Credit Card. This card aptly addresses current consumer spending behaviours where many are turning online for their day-to-day transactions including ordering food, groceries and others. It offers up to 8% cash rebate for groceries, pharmacy and online spends.

There are other collaborations in the pipeline which I hope to share with you over the coming months.

Industry Recognition

I am also proud to share that we continue to win industry awards. Recently, AmBank has been named as Malaysia's best bank in a global ranking of 1,000 of the world's quoted banks, in the inaugural issue of The Statement, a new banking magazine published by Lafferty Group. We were also ranked as one of the top 100 banks in the world by Lafferty, scoring particularly well for financial inclusion.

We have also won awards in other areas:

■ Three awards from Minority Shareholders Watch Group (MSWG) for **Excellence Award For Overall CG & Performance** (5th place); **Excellence Award for CG Disclosure** (2nd place) and **Industry Excellence Award** (in the financial services category). We are indeed proud to receive these awards and be among the top companies with best corporate governance disclosures out of a total of 866 public-listed companies (PLCs) in Malaysia assessed by MSWG in 2019. We were also recognised last year by the Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG) as being Top 4 in Corporate Reporting Transparency, among top 100 PLCs in Malaysia, and we were the only bank to be recognised.

■ Three awards at the Malaysian e-Payments Excellence Awards (MEEA), reflecting the Group's commitment to delivering a seamless banking experience for customers and partners as part of its digital transformation journey. These awards are **Outstanding Contribution to MyDebit** and **Outstanding Contribution to JomPAY** both for the fourth consecutive year as well as for **Top JomPAY Acquirer**.

■ **Best Islamic SME Bank Malaysia 2020 Award** by Global Banking and Finance Review (GBAF)

■ Multiple industry awards by AmlInvestment Bank. To name a few, the team won:

- Four **Lead Manager Awards** for 2019 at the 17th Annual RAM League Awards 2020;
- **Malaysia's Best ETF ("Exchange Traded Funds") Provider** for the fifth consecutive year at the Asset Triple A Sustainable Investing Awards for Institutional Investor, ETF, and Asset Servicing Providers 2020;
- **Best Small to Mid-Cap CF House in Malaysia** Alpha Southeast Asia Best FI Awards 2020;
- **Malaysia's Insurance Fund House of the Year** for the third consecutive year at the Institutional Asset Management Awards 2020.

Half Yearly Strategy Meeting

We have just conducted the half yearly strategy meeting with close to 300 of our senior management team on the 19th and 20th of October. Thereafter, the strategy will be discussed with and endorsed by the board in November. I look forward to sharing updates on the strategy with you.

In the meantime, my fellow colleagues, please stay safe and take care. Please ensure that you always follow the SOPs laid out by the authorities, as well as reminder notices on the required SOPs placed around our AmBank buildings.

Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir

Group Chief Executive Officer,
AmBank Group

AmBank Group Starts FY21 with 6.5% Growth in Underlying Net Profit

AMMB Holdings Berhad (AmBank Group or the Group) Announced its Financial Results for its First Financial Quarter Ended 30 June 2020 (Q1FY21).



Summary of Q1FY21 Results¹

- Total income up by 2.6% to RM1,092.4 million, underpinned by higher trading and investment income, partially offset by margin compression and net modification loss of RM57.5 million. Excluding the net modification loss, underlying income increased 8.0%
- Expenses were well contained at RM538.6 million, up by 1.9%. Cost-to-income (CTI) ratio improved further to 49.3% from 49.7% a year ago
- Profit before provisions (PBP) increased 3.3% to RM553.8 million, underlying PBP grew 14.1%
- Net impairment charge of RM49.9 million (Q1FY20: net recovery of RM32.5 million), with an additional RM10.3 million pre-emptive macro provision
- Gross impaired loans (GIL) ratio of 1.66% (FY20: 1.73%), with loan loss coverage² (LLC) ratio at 97.0% (FY20: 93.4%). Regulatory reserve of RM382.3 million, together with total expected credit loss allowances, represent 1% of total credit exposures
- Net profit after tax and minority interests (PATMI) declined 6.7% to RM365.2 million. Underlying PATMI of RM416.7 million grew 6.5% (adjusted for the net modification loss and pre-emptive macro provision)
- Return on equity (ROE) lower at 7.7% (Q1FY20: 8.8%), underlying ROE at 8.8%. Return on assets³ (ROA) of 0.97% (Q1FY20: 1.11%) and basic earnings per share (EPS) of 12.1 sen (Q1FY20: 13.0 sen)
- Gross loans and financing remained broadly stable year-to-date (YTD) at RM107.4 billion
- Customer deposits increased 1.2% YTD to RM114.3 billion, current account and savings account (CASA) balances grew 6.2% (CASA mix higher at 26.8%)
- Financial Holding Company (FHC) Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio strengthened to 12.5% (FY20: 12.4%) and Total Capital ratio of 15.9% (FY20: 15.8%)

Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir (Dato' Sulaiman), AmBank Group Chief Executive Officer commented, "The banking sector and indeed the world, is facing an unprecedented challenge currently. The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting Movement Control Order (MCO) suspended many business operations and with rapid monetary easing, this resulted in the narrowing of margins for banks. Despite these challenges, I am satisfied with the Group's overall performance, with underlying net profit growing 6.5% year-on-year. We continue to deliver revenue of over RM1.0 billion for the quarter under review, underpinned by strong trading and investment income, which cushioned the impact of margin compression and net modification loss taken on loans and advances under the moratorium. Costs were well-managed, with cost-to-income (CTI) ratio at 49.3%. The Group's net credit cost for the quarter stood at 16 bps, compared to a net recovery last year. As part of our commitment to assist our customers in need, we have been proactively reaching out to our customers since the MCO was lifted to better understand their financing needs and offer our assistance. In terms of impairment risk to credit portfolios, we foresee that this will only become more apparent in the latter part of the financial year and we continue to exercise credit vigilance as the environment is uncertain. Consequently, the Group has taken a proactive stance, with a pre-emptive macro provision established since the onset of this pandemic of RM177.6 million."

Note:

¹ All growth percentages computed on year-on-year (YoY) Q1FY21 vs Q4FY20 basis unless otherwise stated. Quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) refers to Q1FY21 vs Q4FY20.

² Includes regulatory reserve.

³ On an annualised basis.

⁴ Under observation period

Q1FY21 Results (cont'd)

"Compared with the preceding quarter (Q4FY20), total income increased 10.4%, reflecting strong Markets trading income and better investment income from General Insurance. Net profit increased 47.5% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), mainly due to the absence of the macro provision taken in Q4FY20. Excluding the macro provision in both quarters and the net modification loss, the Group's underlying net profit was up by 11.2% QoQ.

As part of the measures to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, on 25 March 2020, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) announced that effective 1 April 2020, banking institutions are required to provide an automatic deferment of all loan/ financing repayments (except for credit card balances) for a period of six months. The financial impact arising from the measures implemented in response to COVID-19 is a net loss of RM57.5 million in Q1FY21 (net modification loss).

Apart from this, the Group provided Special Relief Facility (SRF) financing at a concessionary rate to assist SME businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. RM751 million of loans have been approved under the SRF scheme to its customers, of which RM585 million loans have been disbursed to- date.

With further reductions in OPR interest rates to support the economy and ample liquidity in the banking system, net interest margin compressed further and as a result,

NII fell 8.3% YoY. Excluding the net modification loss resulting from the sector wide measures to temporary defer monthly loan repayments, underlying net interest margin (NIM) was 1.74%, down 13 bps YoY. Offsetting the weaker NII momentum, Noll increased by 21.0% YoY, boosted by strong trading income from Group Treasury and Markets and higher investment income from General Insurance. Overall, total income was higher at RM1,092.4 million, up 2.6% YoY.

The Group continues to exercise good cost discipline. Operating expenses were up by 1.9% YoY to RM538.6 million and CTI improved further to 49.3% from 49.7% a year ago. Consequently, PBP increased by 3.3% YoY, with underlying PBP up 14.1%.

The Group recorded a net impairment of RM49.9 million, compared to a net recovery of RM32.5 million a year ago. An additional RM10.3 million of macro provision was charged this quarter, bringing the total pre-emptive macro provision to RM177.6 million, of which RM167.3 million was taken in the previous financial year. Gross impaired loans ratio stood at 1.66%, with loan loss coverage at 97.0%, inclusive of regulatory reserve of RM382.3 million. The Group is closely monitoring the impact of the economic slowdown on the credit portfolios through stress tests, identifying vulnerable borrowers and conducting regular portfolio reviews as part of the on-going

credit vigilance. The Group adopts a multi-pronged approach to debt restructuring and rescheduling (R&R) during the loan moratorium period by providing repayment assistance to our borrowers. The emergence of the impairment risk to the credit portfolios will only be more apparent in the latter part of this year as circa 60% of the loan portfolios are currently under the six-month moratorium which will end on 30 September 2020.

The Group's gross loans and financing of RM107 billion recorded a modest growth of RM201.7 million YTD. Mortgages grew RM596.0 million and loans to SME customers increased by RM788.8 million while Wholesale Banking loans fell by RM687.4 million from lower corporate utilisation.

Deposits from customers grew 1.2% YTD to RM114.3 billion. CASA balances registered a growth of 6.2% YTD to RM30.6 billion, with CASA mix higher at 26.8% (FY20: 25.5%).

The Group continued to maintain strong capital and liquidity positions. FHC CET1 ratio and total capital ratio stood at 12.5% and 15.9% respectively. Based on stress testing scenarios, the Group has sufficient loss absorption capacity to maintain capital ratios above both internal capital targets and regulatory requirements. We remained highly liquid, with a liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) of 161.2% and net stable funding ratios⁴ (NSFR) of all banking subsidiaries above 100% as at 30 June 2020.

We Continue to Deliver Revenue of Over RM1.0 Billion for the Quarter Under Review, Underpinned by Strong Trading and Investment Income

Divisional Performance (Q1FY21 vs Q1FY20)¹

Wholesale Banking

PAT Grew 4.1% YoY Income grew 34.6% YoY to RM407.3 million, contributed by robust fixed income trading gains and higher NII from increase holding in fixed income securities. Expenses were broadly stable YoY. Net recovery was lower at RM5.2 million, when compared to RM106.4 million a year ago. Net profit after tax (PAT) of RM269.3 million, up 4.1%. Gross loans decreased 1.9% YTD to RM34.9 billion from lower customer activities, whilst customer deposits remained stable at RM59.6 million.

Retail Banking

PAT Grew 1.0% YoY Total income of RM342.0 million, fell 4.4% YoY. NII was 2.2% lower, due to margin compression. Noll fell 15.3%, attributable to lower Cards merchant fees. Expenses grew by 2.7% YoY. As the moratorium affects most of Retail Banking borrowers, the suspension of delinquency flow rates had resulted in a lower net impairment charge of RM36.4 million (Q1FY20: RM58.9 million). Overall, PAT increased marginally by 1.0% to RM71.5 million. Gross loans increased RM695.2 million YTD to RM59.6 billion, mainly from mortgages, Retail SME and personal financing. Customer deposits increased 3.9% YTD, driven by CASA and fixed deposits.

Business Banking

PAT Grew 5.0% YoY Income fell 7.4% to RM80.1 million. NII fell 6.0% on margin compression. Noll was 12.0% lower, mainly from lower trade finance related fee income. PAT up 5.0% to RM30.5 million, attributable to lower expenses and lower net impairment charge. Gross loans increased 1.5% or RM172.8 million YTD to RM11.4 billion while customer deposits remained stable at RM7.2 billion.

Investment Banking and Fund Management

PAT Grew 36.3% YoY Overall income increased 7.2% to RM74.9 million, reflecting higher fee income from Fund Management and Equity Markets. Operating expenses fell 5.7% to RM42.8 million. PAT of RM26.5 million, up by 36.3% YoY.

Islamic Banking

PATZ Fell 15.7% YoY Total income fell 8.5% to RM197.7 million mainly due to net modification loss. Operating expenses fell by 3.0%, with net impairment charge of RM32.4 million, up 3.8% YoY. Profit after zakat and taxation fell 15.7% to RM71.7 million.

**PAT Fell
8.4% YoY**

General Insurance

Income grew 11.0% YoY to RM207.6 million, reflecting higher investment income and lower claims, partially offset by lower premiums. Operating expenses increased 41.7% to RM120.2 million from higher marketing cost. Profit after tax fell by 8.4% to RM74.8 million.

**PAT of
RM21.2
million**

Life Insurance and Family Takaful

The Life Insurance and Family Takaful businesses recorded a PAT of RM21.2 million compared to RM10.7 million a year ago, mainly due to higher investment income, partially offset by higher reserving and lower premiums. The Group has equity accounted the results of the life insurance and family takaful business to reflect the Group's effective equity interests in the joint ventures.

Outlook for FY21

The Gross Domestic Products (GDP) growth for year 2020 is expected to fall between -3.6% and -5.6% following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken to contain the spread of the virus. The GDP in the first half of 2020 fell by 8.1% on an annual basis, followed by a sharper contraction of 17.1% in the second quarter, reflecting the impact by the lockdowns and MCO. Meanwhile, inflation is expected to remain subdued, due to a lack of demand and cost pressures. Headline inflation is projected to average around -0.6% with room to reduce further to -1.5%. Economic growth in the near term remains challenging.

However, the downside risk to the economy may have eased slightly as reflected by the improving forward looking indicators globally and domestically, supported by the fiscal policy and monetary easing measures. BNM has reduced the Overnight Policy Rate by 125 basis points to 1.75% since January this year. At the same time, BNM lowered the Statutory Reserve Requirement by 100 bps to 2.00% with the aim to increase liquidity. Despite some signs of optimism emerging, concern remains on the risk of a "second wave" adding to the ongoing challenges on the external and domestic front. With the challenging economic backdrop, the banking industry loans growth is likely to be modest, with a flat to 2% growth outlook, compared to 2019's loans growth of 3.9%.

Dato' Sulaiman said, "While there will be downside risks, we are confident that this will be cushioned by the swift introduction of fiscal stimuli and financial measures aimed at supporting economic growth. More stable commodity prices coupled with the current staggered

Q1FY21 Results (cont'd)

relaxation of the MCO should gradually improve business and consumer sentiments. The easing of global lockdown should also help provide some positive impetus to trade and investment flows in the second half of 2020. At the same time, we are watchful on the emergence of credit risk post moratorium.

We are committed to supporting our customer needs and have established online COVID-19 support, which allows individuals and SME borrowers to submit their requests for our Repayment Assistance Programme easily. We encourage our customers that are currently facing financial difficulties to discuss their repayment needs with us ahead of the expiration of the moratorium period.

For non-SME corporate customers, we have approved the rescheduling and restructuring of circa RM5 billion of outstanding loans to-date. We will continue to engage with our customers and support them during these trying times.

While we acknowledge that COVID-19 poses significant risks, it has also presented the opportunity for us to reassess our position and further strengthen our core operations. In line with the second phase of our BET programme, we will continue to review and streamline our business processes through accelerated focus on digitalisation efforts, robotics and automation initiatives as well as following through our commitment to shaping an agile work culture."

ALERT

CMCO's SOPs and Adherence to COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines

In line with the National Security Council (NSC)'s announcement of re-imposing a Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), AmBank Group's Crisis Management Team (CMT) has convened an emergency meeting on Monday, 12 October 2020 and amongst others, has turned the crisis alert code from "Yellow" to "Orange".

CMCO's SOPs, Dos and Don'ts

1. All social activities are discouraged, especially those that involve gatherings of people in confined areas.
2. All sporting and entertainment activities are prohibited.
3. Working hours from Monday to Friday are from 8.45 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. For branch counter staff, upon completion of daily balancing, you may leave for the day.
4. Daily operating hours for branches are from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Cheque processing cut-off time will be revised to 2.00pm and any depositing of cheques after 2.00 p.m. will be processed on the next business day.
5. Self-Service Machines operating hours remain unchanged from 6.00 a.m. to 12 midnight daily.
6. Split operations of Critical Units (defined earlier under the Business Impact Assessment) will commence from 14 October 2020.
7. Contact Centre's operating hours remain unchanged to support ongoing economic and business activities.
8. Branch Managers are given discretion to allow 50% of staff to work from home on a rotation basis subject to operational requirements of each branch.
9. All meetings including Board of Directors meeting, should be conducted via MS Teams or Blue Jeans.
10. Face masks and hand sanitisers will continue to be provided for by the Bank.
11. Weekly sanitisation activities will be carried out by Group Administration.
12. The operating hours of all cafeterias and dining-ins located in AmBank Group's premises are subject to the National Security Council's SOPs.
13. Only vendors providing and supporting essential services to the Bank are allowed entry to all our buildings and premises, with prior approval from Group Property.
14. Inter-buildings movements are prohibited unless prior approval is granted by the Group Chief Executive Officer.
15. Lunch will not be provided to staff by the management as eateries are opened during the CMCO period.



AmIncome Plus and AmDynamic# Bond Selected Again as FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts

On Tuesday, 18 August 2020, two of AmlInvest's unit trust funds have been picked again in this year's FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2020/21 ("Recommended Unit Trusts Awards") for their consistent performance among peers within their respective categories. AmIncome Plus was listed as the recommended unit trust fund under the Fixed Income-Malaysia (Short Duration) category for the seventh consecutive year, whereas AmDynamic# Bond topped the Fixed Income-Malaysia with Foreign Exposure category for the fifth year running.

The Recommended Unit Trusts Awards by FSMOne Malaysia assist investors to shortlist consistently performing unit trust funds amongst their peers. FSMOne Malaysia is the online distribution arm of iFAST Capital Sdn Bhd for unit trusts, insurance, bonds and managed portfolios.

For the Recommended Unit Trusts Awards, unit trust funds with a track record of at least three years (as at end March 2020) were considered and the returns of these funds were then compared against benchmarks and peers within similar sectors and regions. The methodology for fund assessment was based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors. The quantitative factors considered were historical performances, expense ratio and risk. Meanwhile, qualitative factors that were

used as barometers to determine the winners in each category included the fund house's investment philosophy and consistency in their investment approach.

"Our fixed income team's foresight and ability to apply a defensive investment strategy coupled with our robust investment processes in place were key in helping deliver positive returns for these funds during uncertain market conditions," said Ms Goh Wee Peng, Chief Executive Officer of AmlInvest.

AmIncome Plus, which is the recommended unit trust fund under the Fixed Income – Malaysia (Short Duration) category, is suitable for investors who want to invest the cash portion of their investment portfolio for the potential to reap regular income.

around 4.2% and about 12.6% over a three-year period.

AmDynamic# Bond, the recommended unit trust fund under the Fixed Income – Malaysia with Foreign Exposure category, registered a one-year total return of around 7.4% and a return of about 20.8% over three years up to end March 2020. This medium to long-term bond fund employs an active management investment strategy that seeks to increase returns by capitalising on market views and timing decisions, as opposed to a buy-and-hold strategy.

Since the start of the year, AmlInvest has received awards for bond and sukuk fund performance. Recently, AmlInvest took home the Best Bond Group – Malaysia Pension award at the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards 2020, Malaysia.



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Chief Investment Officer, AmlInvest*

For the one-year period up to end March 2020, the fund posted a one-year total return (a measure of the fund's performance comprising income distribution and capital gains) of

Within the Shariah-compliant space, AmlInvest was recognised as the Best Global Sukuk Fund Manager 2019 by Employees Provident Fund at the External Fund Managers Annual Awards 2020.

AmlInvest Wins Three Country Awards for Funds Management

Southeast Asia

(Asia focused editorial for global investors)

AmlInvest has been honoured with three fund management awards, namely Malaysia's Best Overall Asset & Fund Manager for the second consecutive year and Malaysia's Best Asset Manager for Fixed Income Funds at the 11th Fund Management Awards 2020 ("Alpha Southeast Asia Awards"), as well as Malaysia's Insurance Fund House of the Year for the third consecutive year at the Institutional Asset Management Awards 2020 ("Institutional Asset Management Awards").

Commenting on the wins, Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group, said, "We are truly honoured to receive these acknowledgements and to be recognised as a standout within the fund

management industry. AmlInvest has been managing funds for the past 39 years and we are grateful for the continued trust our investors have in our capabilities and expertise."

At the Alpha Southeast Asia Awards, AmlInvest was lauded as a leading multi-asset fund management company for its solid and transparent investment process, secured risk management, proper investment accounting systems, quality investment

research, advanced portfolio management and diversification, above par risk-adjusted returns, and overall long-term outstanding fund performance.

The Institutional Asset Management Awards by InsuranceAsia News acknowledge the exceptional work done by third party asset managers on behalf of their insurance company clients across the Asia Pacific region. Under the Malaysia Insurance Fund House of the Year category, AmlInvest was singled out for its best practices, services and performance in managing its insurance clients' assets.

Commenting on the market moving forward, Ms Goh Wee Peng, Chief Executive Officer of AmlInvest, added, "Globally, many economies are slipping into recession and recovery emerging from ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic will be gradual. We expect monetary policies globally to remain very accommodative in the foreseeable future. Coupled with ample liquidity, we are optimistic about the outlook of the bond market. Credit selection is crucial and we will focus on issuers with strong and sustainable cash flow generating ability."

Hong Kong-based Alpha Southeast Asia is a regional institutional investment publication. InsuranceAsia News, which also operates from Hong Kong, provides insights into Asia's insurance industry.

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Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group*



AmlInvestment Bank Clinches Four Awards at the 17th Annual RAM League Awards 2020

(L-R): Tan Sri Amirsham A Aziz, Chairman, RAM Holdings Berhad, Mohd Hedzir Hanafi, Senior Vice President, Capital Markets Group, AmlInvestment Bank Berhad, Lewis Hans, Vice President, Capital Markets Group, AmlInvestment Bank Berhad, Tracy Chen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, AmlInvestment Bank Berhad, Yeoh Teik Leng, Head, Capital Markets Group, AmlInvestment Bank Berhad, Datin Salina Burhan, Senior Vice President, Capital Markets Group, AmlInvestment Bank Berhad and Chris Lee, Group Chief Executive Officer, RAM Holdings Berhad at the 17th Annual RAM League Awards 2020.

AmlInvestment Bank Berhad (“AmlInvestment Bank”) has clinched four awards at the 17th Annual RAM League Awards 2020 held on Thursday, 16 July 2020 at RAM’s office, Kuala Lumpur recently. The RAM League Awards recognises outstanding accomplishments and leadership in the Malaysian bond market.

AmlInvestment Bank placed joint second in the number of issues category and placed third in the programme value category for the Lead Manager Awards 2019 (Bonds and Sukuk). AmlInvestment Bank also placed joint second in the number of issues and placed third in the programme value category and category for the Lead Manager Awards 2019 (Sukuk) respectively.

Commenting on the awards, Tracy Chen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, AmlInvestment Bank Berhad, said, “We are honoured to have received these awards from RAM in recognition of our continued leadership in the corporate bond and Sukuk market by consistently providing the best debt capital market solutions to our esteemed clients.”

“We pride ourselves on the unique services we offer to our clients and these awards are a further indication that our efforts are being recognised in the industry and our perseverance in maintaining our leadership in the Malaysian corporate bond and Sukuk market,” said Dato’ Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group.

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AmBank Islamic Awarded Best Islamic SME Bank Malaysia 2020

AmBank Islamic Berhad (AmBank Islamic) was presented by Global Banking and Finance Review (GBAF) with the Best Islamic SME Bank Malaysia 2020 Award.

In expressing his delight on the announcement, Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group said "It is indeed our honour to be accorded the Best Islamic SME Bank Malaysia 2020 Award. This award is an affirmation of AmBank Islamic's commitment to unlock possibilities and demonstrate unrivalled drive and commitment for our SME clients."

"This recognition which we have received from Global Banking & Finance

Review is a testament to our innovative approach to better serve our SME clients. This is manifested through amongst others the AmBank BizRACE, and in particular the AmBank Islamic Halal Quest which is a digital-based business pitching competition for SMEs which aspire to obtain Halal-certification from Malaysia's Islamic Development Department (JAKIM)," added Dato' Sri Abdul Hamidy Hafiz, Chairman, AmBank Islamic.

GBAF, established in 2011, is a UK-based financial portal and print magazine. GBAF Awards reflect the innovation, achievement, strategy, progressive and inspirational changes taking place within the Global Financial community. The awards

were created to recognise companies of all sizes which are prominent in particular areas of expertise and excellence within the financial world. The awards have evolved and grown to include those in Banking, Foreign Exchange, Insurance, Hedge Funds, Pension Funds, Compliance & Advisory, Corporate Governance, Brokerage and Exchanges, Project Finance, Binary Options, Investment Management, Technology, Asset & Wealth Management, Islamic Finance, Exchange Traded Funds, Real Estate, Corporate Social Responsibility and other areas. In addition, the publications are distributed at major financial events, investment road shows and seminars which are sponsored by GBAF.



(L-R): Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group , Dato' Sri Abdul Hamidy Hafiz, Chairman, AmBank Islamic and Eqwan Mokhzanee, Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Islamic with the Best Islamic SME Bank Malaysia 2020 Award from Global Banking and Finance Review.



AmInvest Wins Malaysia's Best ETF Provider Award for the Fifth Time

AmInvest was honoured as Malaysia's Best ETF ("Exchange Traded Funds") Provider for the fifth consecutive year at The Asset Triple A Sustainable Investing Awards for Institutional Investor, ETF, and Asset Servicing Providers 2020.

AmInvest pioneered and manages Malaysia's first bond and equity ETFs, namely ABF Bond Index Fund ("ABF Malaysia") and FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI etf ("FBM KLCI etf"), which were launched in 2005 and 2007 respectively. AmInvest dominates the market as the largest ETF provider in the country with assets under management of around RM1.6 billion.

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"We are honoured to receive this award for providing the most appropriate ETF products for our clients. Through our ETFs, our investors are able to have easy access to Malaysian bonds and equities in a cost-efficient manner via our stock exchange, Bursa Malaysia," commented Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer of AmBank Group.

ABF Malaysia is the only bond ETF in the market and consists of mainly Malaysian government bonds in its portfolio. It tracks the performance of Markit iBoxx®ABF Malaysia Bond Index. FBM KLCI etf is designed to follow the performance of its benchmark index, FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI, which comprises Malaysia's top 30 largest companies in terms of market capitalisation.

Income distribution, if any, for both of these ETFs is made semi-annually. Recently, ABF Malaysia and FBM KLCI etf declared an interim income distribution payout of 3.62 sen and 0.50 sen per unit respectively, for the funds' current financial year ending 31 December 2020.

"ETFs are an easy and cost-effective tool for investors to build a diversified portfolio, which can help to reduce overall portfolio risk especially during these uncertain times. ETFs provide immediate access and exposure to a basket of securities through a single transaction," added Goh Wee Peng, Chief Executive Officer of AmInvest.

Asset Publishing & Research Limited, the award provider, is a financial publishing group in Asia-Pacific based in Hong Kong, whose publications are targeted at Asian issuers and global institutional investors.

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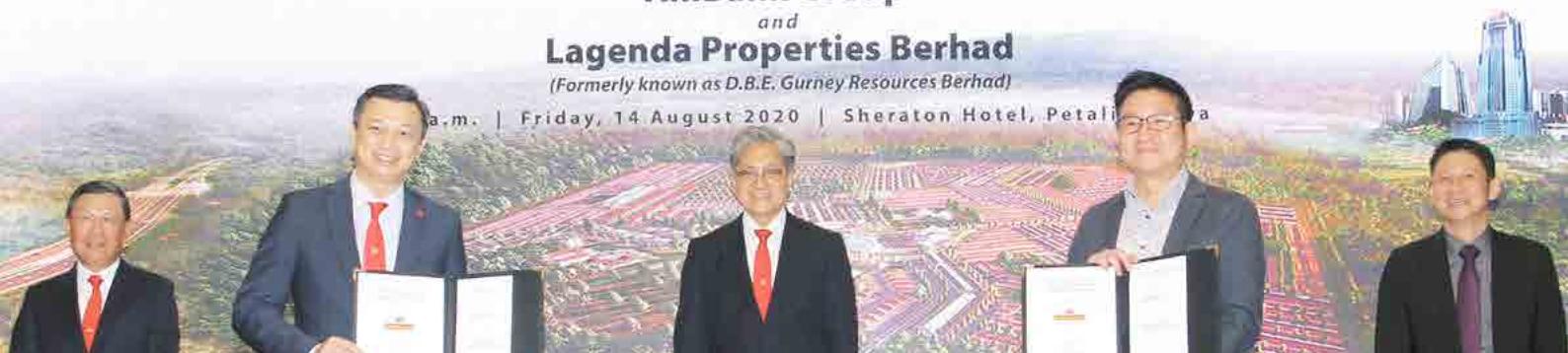
*Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir
Group Chief Executive Officer,
AmBank Group*

AmBank Group Signs Financing Facilities with Lagenda Properties Berhad

AmBank Group
and
Lagenda Properties Berhad

(Formerly known as D.B.E. Gurney Resources Berhad)

a.m. | Friday, 14 August 2020 | Sheraton Hotel, Petaling Jaya



(L-R): Mr Voon Seng Chuan, Chairman, AmBank (M) Berhad, Mr Christopher Yap, Managing Director, Business Banking, AmBank Group, Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group, Dato' Jimmy Doh Jee Ming, Managing Director, Lagenda Properties Berhad and Dato' Marcus Doh Tee Leong, Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman, Lagenda Properties Berhad at the official exchange of documents ceremony which was held on Friday, 14 August 2020 at Sheraton Hotel in Petaling Jaya.

AmBank Group has inked loan facilities and end financing deal with Lagenda Properties Berhad, formerly known as D.B.E. Gurney Resources Berhad. The partnership was officiated on Friday, 14 August 2020 at Sheraton Hotel in Petaling Jaya, which was represented by Mr Christopher Yap, Managing Director, Business Banking for AmBank Group and Dato' Jimmy Doh Jee Ming, Managing Director of Lagenda Properties Berhad. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr Voon Seng Chuan, Chairman of AmBank (M) Berhad, Dato' Marcus Doh Tee Leong, Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman of Lagenda Properties and Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer of AmBank Group.

Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir said, "We are impressed by Lagenda Properties Berhad's commitment to affordable housing and are happy to support them in line with AmBank Group's efforts to continually provide optimised financing facilities that best suit the needs of our valued clients. We are keen to be part of their growth story and we look forward to many more opportunities for AmBank Group and Lagenda Properties Berhad to partner."

"Lagenda Properties is incredibly pleased to receive the support from AmBank Group with this financing facilities. We hope that their confidence in our affordable township development reflects our capabilities and expertise in undertaking such large township projects. Today's official exchange of financing facilities documents will enable us to help meet the high demand for affordable homes which many Malaysians are looking for, while at the same time helping the government to resolve a nationwide affordable housing issue in Malaysia. Furthermore, our unique business model allows us to sell up to 30% below the nearest comparable houses (pricing less than RM200,000) while maintaining a double-digit (profit after tax) margin for the Lagenda Properties group. We will continue to create

more townships that are affordable, and to grow Lagenda Properties. Concurrently, we will continue to explore complimenting business opportunities to further augment our market presence throughout Malaysia," said Dato' Jimmy Doh Jee Ming.

Since 2012, AmBank Business Banking division has approved a total of RM480 million loan facility, including the recent facility amounting RM150 million. This division aims to maintain its position as Lagenda's primary financing partner and are looking to expand its facilities to Lagenda's business partners, which include their contractors and suppliers.

Meanwhile, AmBank Retail Banking is looking to approve up to RM300 million worth of end financing for the group's various ongoing and future projects. This includes the building of the first three phases of new township – Lagenda Teluk Intan with an estimated 6,390 units of affordable homes.

AmlInvestment Bank Berhad is the Principal Adviser to Lagenda Properties for their recent acquisition of real estate assets worth a total of approximately RM823 million, with AmlInvestment also being the sole Placement Agent for Lagenda Properties' upcoming placement exercise.

AmBank Group will remain steadfast and continue to support Lagenda Properties, specifically on affordable house schemes in order to play our role as a responsible and caring Financial Institution.

Lagenda Properties Berhad had its name changed recently from D.B.E. Gurney Resources Berhad, with an unchanged stock code. With the acquisition of three companies, namely Blossom Eastland Sdn Bhd, Rantau Urusan (M) Sdn Bhd and Yik Wang Trading Sdn Bhd completed on 12 August 2020, the affordable housing development arm has scaled up significantly with a remaining aggregate gross development value of approximately RM2.1 billion, unbilled sales of RM532 million together with a sizeable landbank of around 1,200 acres to be developed. Lagenda Properties now has two major affordable housing township projects known as Bandar Baru Setia Awan Perdana and Lagenda Teluk Intan.

AMMB Holdings Berhad 29th Annual General Meeting

AMMB Holdings Berhad (AmBank Group) held its 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, 27 August 2020. The AGM was conducted virtually through live streaming, at a broadcast venue at Board Room, 26th Floor, Bangunan AmBank Group.



(L-R): Jamie Ling, Group Chief Financial Officer, AmBank Group, Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group and Chelsea Cheng, Head, Business Performance & Investor Relations, AmBank Group at the virtual media conference after 29th Annual General Meeting at the Bangunan AmBank Group on Thursday, 27 August 2020.

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Swift Group Establishes RM500 Million Unrated Sukuk Programme and Secures RM231 Million Working Capital Facilities



L-R (standing): Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group, Mr Loo Hooi Keat, Group Advisor, Swift Group, Mr Wong Kim Choong, Chief Executive Officer, United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd (UOB Malaysia) and Dato' Ong Eng Bin, Chief Executive Officer, OCBC Bank (Malaysia).
L-R (seated): Raja Teh Maimunah, Managing Director, Wholesale Banking, AmBank Group, Mr Loo Yong Hui, Group Executive Director, Swift Group, Ms Ng Wei Wei, Managing Director and Country Head, Wholesale Banking and Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik, Chief Executive Officer, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Bhd.

Fully integrated logistics services provider, Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd (Swift Group) has successfully secured financing facilities totalling RM531 million from three (3) banks, AmBank Islamic Berhad, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad (OCBC Al-Amin) and United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd (UOB Malaysia).

Swift Group established RM500 million Unrated Sukuk Programme and secured a RM231 million working capital facilities. Proceeds from the Programme, based on the Islamic principle of Murabahah via Tawarruq, will be used for refinancing existing facilities and future capital expansion purposes. While the working capital facilities will be used to finance working capital requirements.

AmlInvestment Bank Berhad, OCBC Al-Amin and UOB Malaysia acted as Joint Principal Advisers, Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Lead Managers for the Unrated Sukuk Programme as well as Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners for the working capital facilities.

Speaking at a ceremony to mark the issuance, Mr Loo Yong Hui, Group Executive Director of Swift Group said the RM500 million Unrated Sukuk Programme would offer greater flexibility for financing the Group's future capital expenditure and ensure its feasibility. In addition, it will also diversify the Group's source of funding to finance acquisitions related to its nature of business.

Also present at the ceremony were Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir, Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group, Dato' Ong Eng Bin, Chief Executive Officer, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) and Mr Wong Kim Choong, Chief Executive Officer, United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd (UOB Malaysia).

"We are pleased to come on board as the joint lead arranger for Swift Haulage who has been our customer since 2009. The fund-raising exercise is mainly for refinancing, capital expenditure and working capital. As one of the anchor banks of Swift Haulage, we will continue to provide investment and wholesale banking solutions."

solutions as well as cash management, payroll, insurance and corporate finance to Swift Haulage and leverage on our strong presence to maintain and strengthen our footing, said Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir.

Swift Group is a leading logistics services provider and is among the top three services providers in Malaysia. They provide a full spectrum of services that include freight forwarding & shipping, haulage, warehousing, cross border transportation, inland distribution, project logistics, sales, services & spare parts and container depot services.

"As one of the anchor banks of Swift Haulage, we will continue to provide investment and wholesale banking solutions."

**Dato' Sulaiman Mohd Tahir,
Group Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Group**

AmBank Enhances its Digital Banking Experience on AmOnline



AmBank Group announced its award winning mobile app – AmOnline has been

refreshed with a much improved design and user experience on Wednesday, 19 August 2020. The new AmOnline app is available on iOS, Android and Huawei since August 2020.

Aaron Loo, Managing Director, Retail Banking, AmBank (M) Bhd said “We are constantly enhancing our mobile banking app to suit the diverse needs of our customers. These updates come at the right time as clients migrate to digital interaction as we adapt to the new normal of physical distancing.” He added that the bank saw an accelerated growth of 61% in the usage of online banking so far this year, versus the same period in 2019. The trend is expected to continue as we introduce more features on the AmOnline app.

“We are delighted to launch improvements that extend more freedom for our customers to address their banking needs at their personal time and space. It is important for the group to keep introducing advanced features to remain relevant and competitive in the market,” said Datuk Iswaraan

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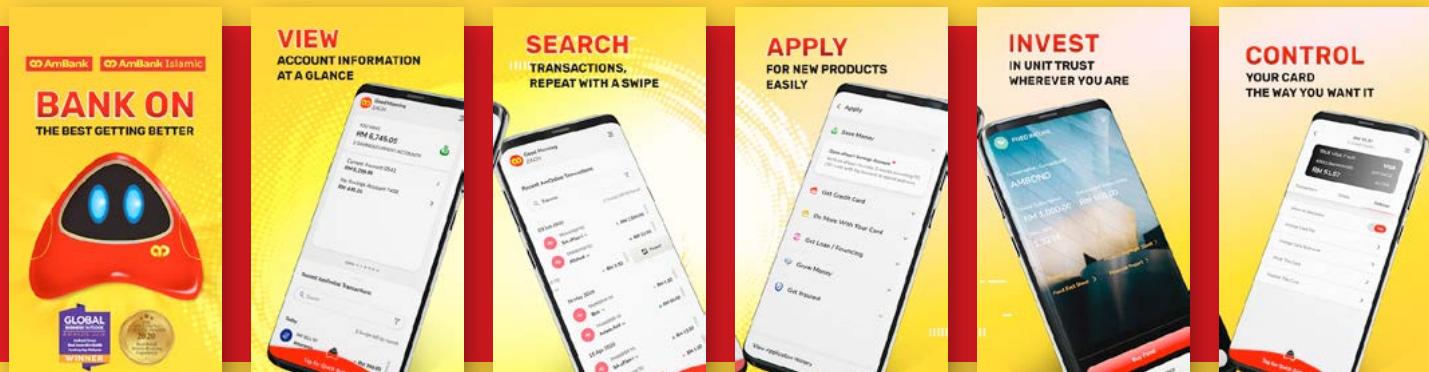
Suppiah, Group Chief Operations Officer, AmBank Group.

“All the features that won AmOnline awards as the best mobile banking app in Malaysia are now more intuitive and presented in an engaging design that gives customers more tools to understand and better manage their finances at their fingertips. Apart from the fresh new look, we have made the app faster,” added Datuk Iswaraan.

The new AmOnline boasts a refreshing new design, more intuitive banking journey, with enhanced security features for an overall better experience.

The AmOnline app now has the entire 360° capabilities from allowing customers to open a new

account, invest, borrow money, consolidate debt, get a credit card, purchase insurance in an entirely touchless, paperless experience. Customers can conveniently block a lost card, enable overseas spend on their debit cards, and even seek a temporary credit limit increase on their credit card to tide over an urgency. The much-appreciated feature that allows customers to search their past payment transactions has been improved too, allowing a past payment transaction to be repeated with a simple swipe.



AmBank Launches Pay As You Grow Term Loan (PayG)

- The Nation's First Term Loan linked to Point-of-Sales (POS) Terminal



All-in-one Account



Automated Repayment



Hassle-free Application



Zero Fee

AmBank has launched PayG, Malaysia's first term loan where its size is linked to the volume of business processed through a merchant POS terminal. This will enable clients to access working capital that is aligned to the size of their business and offers greater flexibility and control. It is also part of a growing suite of solutions for SME clients under AmBank's SME in a Box programme that not only provides financial services but is well positioned to help SME's transition into the digital economy through its various strategic partnerships with telcos, e-commerce ventures and loyalty programmes.

"I am excited with the launch of PayG as we continue to enhance our digital solutions for SMEs. With PayG, we are able to offer our customers with quick access to working capital using data obtained through the POS terminal. Over time we will continue to enhance this offering and aim to make it even easier and quicker to access." said Aaron Loo, Managing Director, Retail Banking, AmBank.

"We are constantly improving and enhancing our product and services offerings digitally for our customers. With Pay As You Grow, we have created the easiest financing option for merchants looking for quick and fuss-free working capital."

Click on the image visit the PayG website.

our customers. With Pay As You Grow, we have created the easiest financing option for merchants looking for quick and fuss-free working capital. The end to end process is easy, starting from applying for the loan, to receiving the funds and even all the way to repayment. Pay As You Grow repayment is auto-deducted in micro-amounts from the merchant's daily billing," said Datuk Iswaraan Suppiah, Group Chief Operations Officer, AmBank Group.

PayG is unique in a way that it allows AmBank to offer its merchant partners term loans using the transaction data obtained through the POS terminal. As merchant business volumes grow, the size of the loan offered will grow with it.

AmBank is currently a leader in providing Merchant Business Solutions and currently serves over 40,000 merchants through its extensive network of branches and relationship managers. The launch of PayG further strengthens AmBank's position as a market leader in both – merchant and digital space.

For further information on PayG, kindly visit

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*Datuk Iswaraan Suppiah,
Group Chief Operations Officer, AmBank Group*

AmBank Launches “Amazing 30” Promotional Offers with Over 30 Retail and F&B Partners

On Monday, 21 September 2020, AmBank Group has launched the “Amazing 30” promotion with over 30 retailers, F&B outlets and 13 online partners offering AmBank credit and debit card customers with up to RM30 in cashback, RM30 OFF or 30% OFF.

Aaron Loo, Managing Director, Retail Banking, AmBank says “This campaign was launched as part of our ongoing refresh of AmBank’s client value proposition. We wanted to ensure that our customers continue to be rewarded for their loyalty and depth of relationship with AmBank. We will continue to work with our partners to bring in more value for our customers and look forward for their continued support.”

During the campaign period, AmBank Card Holders can either earn RM30 cashback, or get RM30 off or enjoy 30% off at many popular merchant outlets. Attractive savings are up for grabs for online shoppers as well during the

weekend on prominent e-commerce platforms such as ZALORA, Lazada and Shopee. Daily deals are also available for a variety of dining outlets including Madam Kwan’s Restaurant, McDonald’s, Starbucks Coffee and many more. Customers can also get RM30 cashback on their groceries spending at Jaya Grocer, Village Grocer and many more.

For a full list of offers under AmBank Amazing 30 campaign, head on to ambank.com.my/amazing30 and start saving!

For customers who have yet to hold an AmBank Credit Card, apply for one now at ambank.com.my/AGR and enjoy 20% cashback when you apply and spend with your new card on top of these Amazing 30 deals.

“We wanted to ensure that our customers continue to be rewarded for their loyalty and depth of relationship with AmBank.”

*Aaron Loo,
Managing Director, Retail Banking, AmBank*



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AMAZING DEALS EVERYDAY, FOR EVERYONE

Get RM30 cashback, RM30 OFF or 30% OFF
with your AmBank Cards!



Let Us Lend You a Helping Hand



On 30 September 2020, the moratorium period for automatic deferment of all financing payments will end. From 1 October 2020, customers will resume their financing payment obligations. AmBank, in its commitment to always do what is best for all its customers, wants to make sure that customers who are facing difficulties in meeting their repayment obligations are feeling completely supported through AmBank Assist.

On Friday, 18 September 2020, AmBank announced that more than 30 selected AmBank branches nationwide opened on two consecutive

weekends during the third and fourth week of September to assist its customers who are facing financial constraints to apply for post-moratorium repayment assistance.

This proactive measure allows our customers to walk in to our branches and speak to our AmBank Assist team who are ready to assist with their application. We understand some of our customers, especially the SMEs are still in need of financial assistance, after the expiry of the six months moratorium period beginning October 2020.

Since the beginning of the moratorium period in March, AmBank

has reached out to its lending and financing customer base, both individuals and SMEs who were financially affected by the COVID-19. In addition, various messages through SMS, emails, website announcements as well as social media platforms were also issued in its efforts to encourage customers who may need help to reach out to AmBank.

For more information on the repayment assistance, we kindly urge our customers to visit ambank.com.my/RA or you may click on the FAQs icon.

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Sinar Harian, 25 August 2020, pg8

Golongan B40 perlu berani berubah

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Golongan berpendapatan rendah (B40) terutamanya di bandar-bandar perlu berani berubah dan beradaptasi dengan normal balur bagi mengelakkan mereka terus terhimpit dalam keruel kemiskinan angka-Covid-19.

Ketua Ahli Ekonomi AmBank Research, Dr Anthony Dass berkata, selain daripada langkah-langkah yang diumumkan menentang pelbagai paket rangan-sangan ekonomi dan bantuan kecawangan, golongan B40 harus berusaha untuk menangani impak pesendirian Covid-19 pada tahap individu.

"Cabarun kini adalah untuk melakukan pembubaran. Terlajap keterlaluan kenyataan untuk melaksanakan pembubaran berikutnya terpaksa melalui situasi balur dan persekitaran yang memerlukan mereka untuk mengadaptasi," kata beliau kepada Sinar Harian semalam.



Golongan-bantuan berbuka kerajaan dan NGO dapat mengurangkan bebanan keuangan golongan B40 semasa era pelakuansan PNP di Malaysia.



Anthony memperbaiki perkhidmatan sebelum Covid-19.

Untuk reked, golongan B40 mewakili kumpulan 40 peratus orang yang berpendapatan rendah. Kumpulan itu dibagi kepada beberapa peringkat iaitu B1 (kurang daripada RM2,999), B2 (RM2,500-RM3,169), B3 (RM3,170-RM3,969) dan B4 (RM3,970-RM4,849).

Menurut Anthony yang juga Sekretaris Majlis Timbalan Ekonomi (EAC), perbaungan sosial melalui pemberian bantuan harus ditepingkakan.

"Ia akan mengurangkan kos hidup dan meningkatkan kuasa beli pengguna disimpanan, selain itu juga bantu juga perlu dihubung.

"Adalah penting untuk meningkatkan perkembangan modal insan menerusi latihan, pendidikan dan kemahiran individu."

"Kemahiran, persepsi dan harapan individu harus diberi perhatian supaya setiap individu mempunyai perspektif hasil berhubung keperluan untuk berubah dan sedar untuk menerima perubahan," katanya.

KUALA LUMPUR: AmInvestment has maintained its "overcall" on the automobile with a total industry volume projection of 565,000 or this year.

Yst Jeremie Yap said in a note TIV in the second half of year would be supported by solid performances across board for all major carmakers during the implementation of Economic Recovery Plan (ER) that entailed a 100 and 50 cent sales tax exemption for alloy-assembled and fully-assembled cars, respectively, from 1 to Dec 31.

Going into the second half, expecting a strong recovery, the number of new domestic Covid-19 cases is easing and businesses have resumed operations. All dealer showrooms and Road Transport Department outlets open."

said the sales tax exemption would result in lower car prices of between 1.1 and 6.5 per cent and the tax holiday in 2018 resulted in a cut in car prices three and five per cent the board, and spurred demand for new cars.

He said Proton Holdings Bhd and Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua) would benefit from the stimulus as their entire line-up of vehicles were locally assembled.



AmInvestment Bank believes that Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua) will continue to lead the automobile sector due to the attractive pricing and value proposition of Perodua car models.

"We strongly believe that Proton and Perodua will continue to lead the sector in the second half due to their attractive pricing and value propositions compared with their peers (i.e. Proton X70 versus Nissan X-Trail)."

"With that, we maintain our 'buy' call on DRB-HICOM (fair value of RM2.49) and MBM Resources (fair value of RM4.62) as they are proxies to Proton and Perodua's performances in the sector," he added. **Bernama**

Oriental Daily News, 27 August 2020, pg16

大马银行首季净利跌7% 预测贷款成长放缓至2%

吉隆坡26日讯 | 大马银行(AMBANK, 1015, 主板金融股)2021财年首季(截至6月30日止)净利按年下滑6.72%,至3亿5517万令吉,去年同期为3亿9146万令吉;营业额也按年减少7.35%,至22亿1462万令吉,去年同期为23亿9050万令吉。

大马银行是在中午休市时公布业绩,全天上扬1仙或3.74%,至3.05令吉,共有418万6000股易手。

大马银行发表文告指出,该银行的交易和投资业务收入增加,但被贷款利息赚幅受压和因给予客户还款期限而蒙受的5750万令吉合约修改损失(modification loss)所抵消。「扣除这些因素不计,营业额实际上涨8%。」

大马银行的开端控制在6亿3860万令吉,增长1.9%;成本对收入比例(CTI)

率(LLC)为97%;法定拨备金为3亿8230万令吉,加上信贷亏损准备总额,约占信贷总额的1%。

与此同时,大马银行的股本回报率为7.7%;总资产比率15.9%。年初至今的总贷款和融资额保持稳定,为1074亿令吉。

加强核心业务

展望未来,该银行首席执行员拿督苏莱曼表示,该行将通过增加贷款来支撑业务。



苏莱曼:大马银行首季净利跌7%。

于去年3.9%的贷款成长。

AmBank Group in the News

New Straits Times, 15 August 2020, pg17

FOUR TROPHIES

(From left) RAM Holdings Bhd chairman Tan Sri Amirsham A. Aziz, AmInvestment Bank Bhd (AmInvest) Capital Markets Group senior vice-president Mohd Hedzir Hanafi, its vice-president Lewis Hans, AmInvest deputy chief executive officer (CEO) Tracy Chen, AmInvest Capital Markets Group head Yeoh Teik Leng, its senior vice-president Datin Salina Burhan and Group CEO Chris Lee at the League Awards 2020.

China Press, 27 August 2020, pg18

AMMB控股 首季淨賺近3.7億

(吉隆坡26日讯)AMMB控股(AMMB, 1015, 主要板金服)截至今年6月底首季,净利按年跌6.7%至3亿6517万令吉,营业额则跌7.4%至22亿1462万令吉。

AMMB控股总执行长拿督苏莱曼今日发布文告指出,他对集团在行动管制令和新冠肺炎期间仍能录得如此业绩



迄今已发放的款项高达5.85亿令吉。"

苏莱曼指出,虽然目前市场仍存在第二波疫情来袭的下行风险,但相信政府推出的经济刺激措施和金融措施将可有效支撑经济增长。

“随着原产品价格持续走稳,加上全球对个人限制措施逐渐放宽,相信贸易和投资将在下半年逐渐回流至我国。”

但他也说,AMMB控股仍谨慎看待贷款展延的信贷风



苏菜曼（中）与叶威文（左）及大马银行伊银首席执行员艾克万莫扎尼携手推介第三季BizRACE活动。

大馬銀行系列活動助中小企疫後重整旗鼓

（吉隆坡17日讯）迈入前所未有的时代，需要前所未有的行动。为协助受疫情影响的中小企业重整步伐，大马银行（AmBank）推介系列活动，以让中小企业能够从中获益。

在新常态影响下，大马银行的年度企业研讨会议BIZCONFERENCE今年以“中小企业：重振企业的力量”

BizRACE活动能够帮助中小企业提升他们的业务。”

BizHUB数码化供应链

大马银行向中小企业伸援手的另一项行动、为推出大马银行BizHUB线上市场。此平台将协助中小企业数码化他们的供应链，同时也是帮助中小企业与其他企业保

The Edge, 24 August 2020, pg62

A PROUD MOMENT

From left) RAM Holdings Bhd chairman Tan Sri Azrinah Azziz, AmInvestment Bank and senior vice-president of capital markets group Muhal Huda Hafiz, AmInvestment Bank president of capital markets group Leyla Hand, AmInvestment Bank deputy CEO, Henry Chen, AmInvestment Bank head of capital markets group Yeoh Tzi Long, AmInvestment Bank senior vice-president of capital markets group Salmi Burhan and RAM Holdings group CEO Chia Lee at the 17th Annual RAM League Awards 2020. The bank clinched four awards.



Minimising disruptions brought on by disasters

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“A more coordinated approach by the financial industry can result in more efficient and sustainable initiatives.

Clare Walker

understand the many issues we are facing in disaster risk reduction and hope that this platform will strengthen ties between the different stakeholders present by being almost sustainable and impactful

initiatives for the communities and in particular our children,” said Pandi.

Finsc chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim said, “Whether in response to natural disasters or man-made ones, the increasingly severe impact of floods on the financial industry has repeatedly stepped up support for vulnerable communities.”

In addition, financial institutions have also stepped up their efforts which help to minimize the disruption to children’s education.

“Through Finsc, we have a unique opportunity to come together as an industry to create even

greater impact and look forward to being able to announce some joint initiatives in the near future.”

The collaboration between Finsc and Nadiqa comes as the Federal Government works to improve the socio-economic resilience risks, by fully transforming from a top-down, government-centric reactive approach to one of reducing risks and risks through multi-stakeholder engagement,” Finsc chief executive officer Clare Walker added.

In line with Finsc’s purpose of supporting young people, this forum aims to strengthen the financial inclusion efforts which help to minimize the disruption to children’s education.

“There are a number of areas where a shift in focus from offering credit to building resilience and a more coordinated approach by the financial industry can result in more efficient and sustainable initiatives and that was the purpose of our discussions.”

Malaysian Reserve, 17 August 2020, pg7

AmBank allocates RM480m loan for affordable housing project

by S BIRUMUTHA

AMMB Holdings Bhd (AmBank) retail banking division has allocated a total of RM80 million in loan facility for Legenda Properties Bhd to assist its ongoing and future projects, particularly on affordable housing.

AmBank group CEO Darul Syaharudin Mohd Taib said part of the loan will be used in the first three phases development of Legenda Properties new township in Gombak Jaya, Petaling, involving 6,290 units of affordable homes.

“We are impressed by Legenda Properties’ commitment to affordable housing and ready to support them in line with AmBank Group’s efforts to continually provide optimised financing facilities that

between

AmBank Group

and

Legenda Properties Berhad

(Formerly known as D.E.R. Gurary Resources Berhad)

Friday, 14 August 2020 | Shangrila Hotel, Petaling Jaya

The Star, 8 October 2020, pg8



Business Banking Christopher Yap (left) and Doh exchange documents as witnessed by Datuk Dr. Ahmad Jitmy Doli (right).

Meanwhile, Legenda Properties MD Darul Syaharudin Mohd Taib said AmBank’s confidence in the company’s affordable township development shows the capabilities and expertise in undertaking such large township projects.

“Our mission is to build the lack of affordable housing is particularly acute among middle-class families and individuals earning less than RM4,000 in various states of Malaysia,” he added.

He noted that there is a significant mismatch between the demand side supply in terms of pricing in the affordable housing segment in the country, especially for houses below RM250,000.

“Our mission is to fill this segment and make homeownership affordable for all Malaysians while at the same time the government solves the affordable housing crisis,” he added.

Legenda Properties have acquired three companies on Aug. 12, 2020, namely, Ilorem Eastland Sdn Bhd, Rantau Ursus (M) Sdn Bhd and Vil Wang Trading Sdn Bhd.

In affordable housing development area has scaled up significantly with a remaining aggregate gross development value of about RM2.1 billion, anticipated sales of RM532 million together with a sizeable land bank of 1,200-acre available for development.

Legenda Properties currently has two major affordable housing township projects in Petaling namely, Blandar Baru Setia Aswan Perdana and Legenda Tebrau Intan.

Borneo Post, 25 August 2020, pg10



AmBank has launched PayG, Malaysia's first term loan where its size is linked to the volume of business processed through a merchant POS terminal.

AmBank launches 'PayG' term loan

Sinar Harian, 10 September 2020, pg31

Fokus IR 4.0, digitalisasi dan sijil halal

AMBANK BizRACE Musim Ketiga yang dilancarkan pada Julai lalu tumpu bantu PKS

Oleh NORAWAZNI YUSOF

R evolusi Industri 4.0 (IR 4.0), digitalisasi dan penerapan sijil halal merupakan tiga bidang yang tersertifikasi dalam AMBANK BizRACE Musim Ketiga yang dilancarkan pada Julai lalu untuk membantu pembaikahan kecil dan sederahan (PKS).

Pengerusi Urusan Perniagaan Perbankan AmBank Group, Christopher Yap berkata, ketiga-tiganya ini akan memberi pengembangan kepada para peserta serta panduan untuk memahami pelbagai geran dan sijil kerajaan yang tersedia untuk PKS hari ini.

Menurutnya, rakan korporat AmBank iaitu Bosch Rexroth, Microsoft Malaysia, Maxis dan PwC Malaysia akan menyediakan sokongan berkaitan dalam

proses ke arah menerapkan IR 4.0, digitalisasi dan mendapatkan sijil halal.

“IR 4.0 disaraskan kepada perkembangan berkaitan pembuatan, ia sesuai untuk PKS yang ingin mempunyai kawalan dan pemahaman lebih baik mengenai pembentuan dengan menggunakan data untuk meningkatkan produktiviti serta proses, selain mendongkrak pertumbuhan.

Kesahihan dalam klangan PKS iaitu IR 4.0 sangat mudah dan itulah sebabnya sebagai bank, kami benar-benar berharap untuk melampau perbiayaan. Kami melihat bagaimana dapat menolong mereka memantaikan geran keraja-



an yang tersedia,” kata dia dalam satu kenyataan.

Beliau berkata, dari segi digitalisasi, AmBank akan membantu PKS dalam proses permohonan geran MDEC bernilai sehingga RM200,000 untuk mengembangkan perjalanan digitalisasi, manakala Halal Quest memberikan PKS mengembangkan peluang perniagaan melalui melebur penerjuan halal.

AMBANK BizRACE Musim Ketiga akan berlangsung dari September 2020 hingga Mac 2021 dan selain panduan untuk permohonan geran dan penerjuan halal, pertandingan itu turut menawarkan hadiah tunai yang bernilai sehingga RM2,000 jantung-kum program latihan

pembangunan eksklusif serta pendektoran media.

AMBANK BizRACE dijalankan dengan kerjasama agensi kerajaan seperti Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri (MITI), Perbadanan Pembangunan Luar Malaysia (Matrade), Perbadanan Pembangunan Halal (HDC), Perbadanan Ekonomi Digital Malaysia (MDEC) dan Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM).

Penerbitan bagi program berbentuk pertandingan perniagaan yang membawa tema The Big Reset: Revive Your Business itu dilanjutkan sehingga 18 September ini.

Pemilik perniagaan boleh mendaftar dan mendapatkan maklumat lanjut di www.ambankbizclub.com.

“We are constantly improving and enhancing our product and services offerings digitally for our customers. With Pay As You Grow, we have created the easiest financing option for merchants looking for quick and fuss-free working capital.

The end to end process is easy, starting from applying for the loan, to receiving the funds and even all the way to repayment. Pay As You Grow repayment is auto-deducted in micro-amounts from the merchant’s daily billing,” added AmBank Group chief operations officer Datuk Iswaraan Supiah.

PayG is unique in a way that it allows AmBank to offer its merchant partners term loans using the transaction data obtained through the POS terminal. As merchant business

COMPLIANCE

Retail Banking's Recognition of Excellence in Exceptional Compliant Behaviour



Aaron Loo, Managing Director, Retail Banking (second from left) presenting the Certificate of Excellence to Bahirah Yahya, CSO, Shah Alam Section 15 Branch (second from right), witnessed by Tchui Mei Ling, Head, Retail Operations Control & Compliance (far left) and Steven Soo, Regional Director Central Region 3 (far right).

Retail Banking recently awarded two of its branch staff, Bahirah binti Yahya, Customer Service Officer and Norizan binti Husain, Assistant Branch Manager for Exceptional Compliant Behaviour.

Both of them played a vital role in diligently discharging their duties at Shah Alam Section 15 Branch by stopping a cash withdrawal and RENTAS transfer amounting to more than RM500,000. Their diligence and commendable act had definitely helped protect the Bank from financial losses and reputational risk.

As tokens of appreciation, they were each presented with a Certificate of Excellence and gift vouchers by Aaron Loo, Managing Director,

Retail Banking, accompanied by Tchui Mei Ling, Head, Retail Operations Control & Compliance and Steven Soo, Regional Director Central Region 3, during the Retail Banking's Senior Management visit to Central Region 3 on 24 July 2020.

Congratulations to Bahirah and Norizan! Well done and great job on being exemplary compliance role models to other AmBankers!



Tchui Mei Ling (second from right) handing the Certificate of Excellence to Norizan Husain, ABM, Shah Alam Section 15 Branch (second from left), witnessed by Steven Soo (far left) and Jelina Lee, Retail Operations Engagement Manager Central Region 3 (far right).

Second Quarter Global Economy - Initial Recovery and Optimism

Reported by Mr Anthony Dass, Chief Economist, AmBank Group

For most of first half of 2020, the world has grappled with the severe health and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Global economic activity collapsed in the second quarter of 2020 when a majority of the global economy was in lockdown for several weeks. To contain the broad effects of the pandemic virus, tough health security measures in the form quarantines, social distancing, travel restrictions, lockdowns, movement control orders (MCO) and border closures were implemented. Measures taken to contain the virus spread disrupted global supply chains, businesses, investment and trade; destroyed demand; spiked up job losses and triggered financial shocks. These measures inevitably led to a synchronised recession, on a global scale.

— USD —

Hence, comparisons between the severities of Great Lockdown of 2020 against the Great Depression which began in 1929 emerged. But today's crisis is truly like no other. Severity and speed of the declines in economic output, employment, and consumption during the Great Lockdown were far greater than at the onset of the Great Depression. The **US** economy during the quarter under review saw the biggest quarterly plunge in activity ever. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from April to June plunged 32.9 percent on an annualised basis. It is still the worst drop ever, with the closest previously coming in second quarter 1921 down 28.6 percent.

— Euro —

The **euro** zone economy contracted by 12.1 percent in the second quarter of 2020, compared to the first three months of the year. It is the lowest since records began in 1995. Germany contracted by 10.1 percent, Italy's sank by 12.4 percent; France's fell by 13.8 percent; and Spain's shrank by 18.5 percent. The latter was the worst performing economy over the second quarter.

— Yen —

The **Japanese** economy shrank by an annualised 26.3 percent, which would mark the worst contraction in the postwar era amid the fallout from the novel coronavirus pandemic.

— Yuan —

Meanwhile, **China** reported its GDP grew by 3.2 percent during the quarter under review after having contracted by 6.8 percent in 2020 in the first quarter, the first GDP decline since at least 1992, when official quarterly records started.

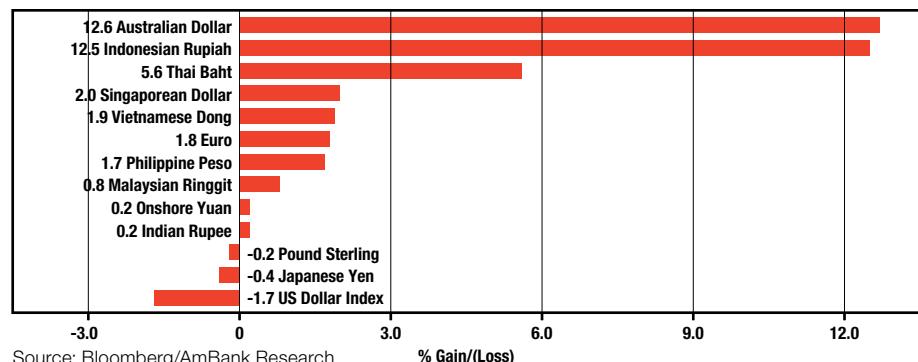
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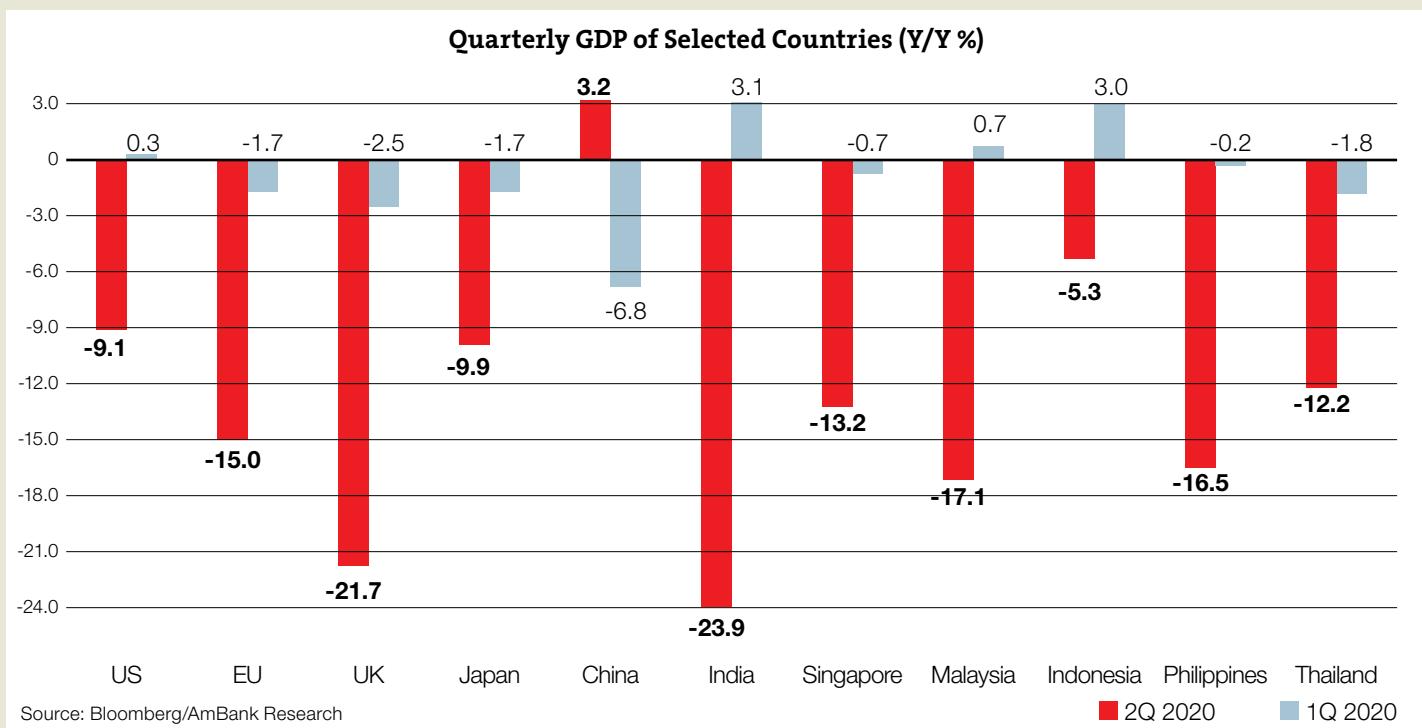
ASEAN countries also performed poorly during the quarter under review. **Singapore** economy contracted by 12.6 percent against a year ago in the second quarter. The **Philippines** GDP plunged by 16.5 percent on an annual basis in the second quarter of 2020, the lowest recorded quarterly growth since 1981, bringing the country to a technical recession. **Thailand** recorded the largest economic contraction in 22 years with the GDP shrank by 12.2 percent compared to a year ago. **Indonesia** suffered its sharpest downturn since the first quarter of 1999 hurt following the 1998 Asian Financial Crisis by contracting 5.32 percent compared to a year ago in the second quarter.

— Ringgit —

Just like the other ASEAN countries, **Malaysia**'s economy plunged by 17.1 percent on annual basis in the second quarter of 2020. This is the worst performance in nearly 22 years when the fourth quarter of 1998 GDP saw an

Performance of Selected Currencies Against USD in Second Quarter of 2020





11.2 percent contraction, during the Asian financial crisis.

Equally unique has been the sharp rebound of output, consumption, and employment. Ongoing recovery is the result of the easing of lockdown restrictions by a majority of countries as well as the rapid implementation and unprecedented scale of supportive policies by the world's central banks and governments. Many countries around the world started reopening their economy in various stages, with varying degrees of success. It is despite the ongoing uncertainties as the economy and markets are still grappling with this pandemic virus.

Around the world, government stimulus has been an underlying factor, providing support through quantitative easing, direct cash payments and loans. All of these stimulus measures are meant to help individuals and companies get through this unprecedented time. The aim is to help global economies including Malaysia to get back to recovery conditions from the adverse impact as a result of the shutdown for extended periods. Malaysia embarked on fiscal and monetary stimulus which amounts to a cumulative MYR295 billion under the Prihatin and PENJANA that was announced in

March and June. Besides, the central bank further enhanced the flexibility of the Statutory Reserve Requirement (SRR) by allowing financial institutions to use MSG and MGII paper to fully meet their 2.00 percent SRR requirement. The flexibility was estimated to release RM16 billion into the financial system with the aim to bring stability to the local financial market.

The global economy started to recover from the depths of the downturn. And the speed of this turnaround is also in dramatic contrast to the Great Depression, during which negative growth persisted for four years and the cumulative global contraction far exceeded that which is projected for the Great Lockdown. Global Manufacturing and Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) reached 47.9 and 48.1 in June from a low of 39.6 and 23.7 in April, respectively. Europe experienced improving consumer demand and PMIs. Although further behind in recovery, the U.S. Manufacturing PMI for June was 49 from 38 in May while Services PMI rose to 47.9 in June from 26.7 in April. Retail sales grew 6.9 percent m/m in June after reporting a 17.3 percent m/m gain in May. The ASEAN region's manufacturing PMI improved to 43.7

in June from a low of 30.7 in April. Malaysia's manufacturing PMI surged to 51.0 in June from 31.3 in April.

The global economy including Malaysia looks to have bottomed out with activity data starting to show a pick up. There have been increasing signs over the past month of sequential improvements in economic activity, lending confidence to our view that April marked the trough of the coronavirus-related recession. But downside risks from a resurgence in the virus and renewed lockdown restrictions remain high. Thus, the recovery remains very fragile and uneven across regions and sectors. To ensure that the recovery continues, it is essential that support not be prematurely withdrawn.

Surge in Financial Markets during the Quarter

This faster-than-expected stabilisation and economic recovery was a key driver of surging financial markets during the quarter. Also supporting them was continued, massive intervention from central banks, which are committed to zero-range short-term interest rates, extensive bond purchases and an array of newly created credit facilities.

With central banks and governments piling on monetary and fiscal stimulus to an unprecedented degree to counter the economic impact of the COVID-19 shutdown, equity markets have rallied dramatically. Once again, equity markets have reversed course in dramatic fashion in the space of a few weeks. This time, the fastest recovery is witnessed from a bear market in U.S. equities since the 1930s. Other markets around the world followed suit. Nonetheless, volatility remains high but well-off recent peaks. Investors recovered their nerve.

Many of investors saw good chance of better relative returns from a wider range of stocks. The difference in valuations between perceived winners and losers remains as wide as ever in most markets. Such perceived notion is based on the view of with clear signs of a strong rebound in economic activity from very depressed levels.

The second quarter came and went without a Coronavirus vaccine, but stimulus packages from the Fed and Congress turned out to be the cure for an ailing stock market as the S&P soared 20 percent to produce its strongest quarterly gain in 21 years. The higher move during this quarter was more textbook-like as small cap stocks vastly outperformed large caps and the best performing factor groups were high beta, growth, and momentum stocks while low-volatility stocks lagged most.

Besides, the US Fed Chair Powell's insistence that the Fed has both the intentions and capability to support the economic recovery gave investors confidence to rally the market despite little visibility on corporate earnings growth, historically high unemployment, and still weak retail sales numbers. Optimism around potential vaccines and the re-opening of most state economies also helped boost the market throughout May and June even as COVID cases began to rise.

During the quarter, global markets reflected by MCSI Global rose by

18.7 percent during the quarter, finding support from unprecedented fiscal and monetary stimulus and retracing most the losses in first quarter especially from February. Major indices in the US were positive with the S&P500, Dow Jones and Nasdaq rose by 20.0 percent, 17.8 percent and 30.6 percent respectively. Markets in euro and Japan rose by 16.0 percent and 17.8 percent respectively.

Likewise, the widespread stimulus measures led to positive spillover effect on the Asian equities performance. During the quarter under review, MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index rose 15.8 percent, led by India (19.8 percent), Thailand (18.9 percent), Philippines (16.7 percent), China (8.5 percent), Indonesia (8.1 percent); Singapore (4.4 percent) and Hong Kong (3.5 percent).

Looking at the local bourse, the FBMKLCI gained 11.1 percent to 1,501 points, driven by liquidity in the market. Among the ASEAN markets, the KLCI performed the third best after Vietnam (24.5 percent) and Philippines, thanks to the share price rallies in the glove players and retail interests. Spectacular rise in the glove manufacturers' has single-handedly brought the FBMKLCI into a bull market territory. During the quarter under review, foreign outflow amounted to RM16.3 billion. Meanwhile, local retail participation was RM3.5 billion compared to RM2.9 billion in the previous quarter driven by higher liquidity from the stimulus measures.

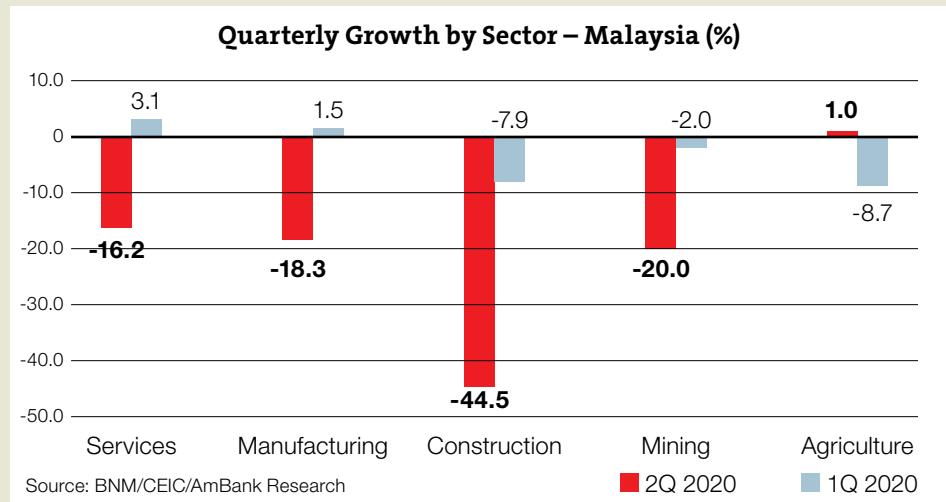
Strong quarter for oil prices

On the commodity front, oil prices saw an extremely strong quarter with WTI and Brent prices were up by 81 percent and 92 percent respectively. WTI and Brent closed at US\$39.27 per barrel and US\$41.15 per barrel respectively.

Renewed demand as US and other major economies came out of lockdown, coupled with strict global supply cuts pushed prices higher. Saudi cuts oil output by another 1 million barrel a day over and above agreed earlier in the OPEC+ accord. Gold prices during the quarter gained 13 percent to close at US\$1781 per ounce amid gloomy US economic data and escalating US-China tensions.

Appetite for Fixed Income

The second quarter proved to be a battle between the effects of COVID-19 and the steps that were taken to try and minimise the damage, in both monetary and fiscal policy terms. Towards the end of the first quarter, the actions to unfreeze the credit markets had a substantial effect in bringing some normalcy back to markets. This trend continued into April and beyond. However, the widespread support from major central banks continues to combine with fiscal stimulus showed a gradual economic recovery in most parts of the world economy. It generated a more calm in global markets.



The US Treasury (UST) curve during the quarter showed short-end to the belly part of the curve (2 to 10-year UST) eased 4-8 basis points while the longer tenures (20 and 30-year UST) rose 3-6 basis points. The closely watched 10-year UST was seen trading between a high and low of 0.910 percent and 0.580 percent respectively, and closed at 0.660 percent by end second quarter.

The 10-year EU yield rose slightly by 1.8 basis points to -0.46 percent as investors shed safe haven assets on encouraging economic data and optimism about the easing of lockdown restrictions around the world. In contrast, the 10-year sovereign yields of Italy, Spain and Greece fell 26.3 basis points, 20.8 basis points, and 42.8 basis points, respectively due to EU's rescue package. Meanwhile, the 10-year UK gilts rallied by another 18.2 basis point to 0.21 percent supported by the increase in BOE's asset purchasing programme.

During the quarter under review, the Japanese 10-year yield rose 0.8 basis points to 0.01 percent and briefly hitting a high of 0.04 percent. The jump in long term borrowing cost came following the rise in government bonds issuance to fund its COVID-19 fightback. Besides, the Bank of Japan pledged to buy unlimited amount of bonds but decided to maintain its policy rate unchanged at -0.10 percent.

Meanwhile, China's the 10-year bond yield widened by 28.6bps to 2.84 percent following the People's Bank of China reduce the one-year loan prime rate from 4.05 percent to 3.85 percent and the five-year loan prime rate from 4.75 percent to 4.65 percent. Likewise, India's 10-year Indian yields eased around 25.3bps to 5.88 percent as the Reserve Bank of India slashed its key policy rate by 25bps to 4.00 percent under the quarter review.

The 10-year Philippines yields plunged by 169.8bps to 2.630 percent. While the central bank maintained its policy rate at 2.75 percent but adopted a small scale quantitative

easing programme. Meanwhile, the 10-year Indonesian sovereign yield closed lower by 72.6bps to 7.18 percent albeit touching as high as 8.15 percent during the quarter under review. The 10-year yields for Singapore fell 35.6bps to 0.891 percent while Thailand government bond yield closed lower by 30.3bps to 1.19 percent.

The local bond market rallied further with the curve eased lower by 10-59 basis points. The closely watched 10-year MGS yield slid 49.7bps to 2.85 percent during the quarter under review. It traded between a high and low of 3.42 percent and 2.79 percent.

- Demand for bonds was boosted by rate cut in May and July;
- Strengthening of MYR;
- Recovery in crude oil prices; and
- Attractive real yield which helped fuelled foreign appetite.

Foreign buying into the local bond market rose by RM9.3 billion versus an outflow of RM16.8 billion in the quarter prior.

Currency Market Enjoyed from Dollar Weakness

On the foreign exchange market, the dollar index posted a steady decline under the quarter review. It fell by 1.7 percent to 97.39 due to a confluence of factors which includes:

- Federal Reserve's aggressive dollar liquidity injection and providing swap line to global central bank;
- Re-emergence of risk-on sentiment supported by the growing hopes for global economic recovery as the global economies started to reopen

coupled with the global stimulus hope;

- 3) Rising coronavirus cases in the US versus its peers; and
- 4) Rising negative real yield. However, the downside risk on the USD was partially mitigated by the ongoing US-China tensions.

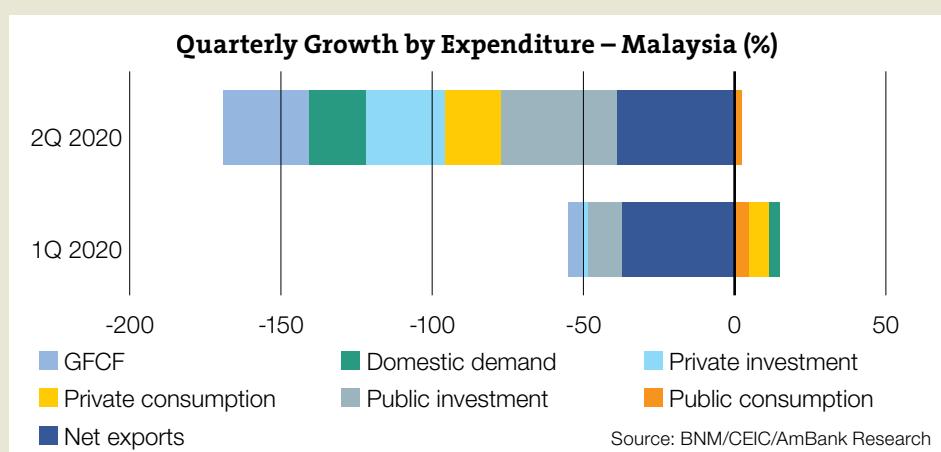
During the quarter, the euro gained 1.8 percent to 1.12 while trading between a high and low of 1.14 and 1.08.

Meanwhile the pound rose declined by 0.2 percent to 1.24 while trading between a high and low of 1.21 and 1.28. But the yen remained volatile, trading between a high and low of 106.1 and 109.6, respectively following the pendulum swings on investor's risk sentiment.

Meanwhile, the weakening of the USD also benefitted Asian currencies like the yuan which appreciated by 0.2 percent against the dollar to 7.07 and Indian rupee gained by 0.2 percent to 75.51. ASEAN currencies which appreciated against the USD are:

- The Philippine peso rose 1.7 percent at 49.82;
- Rupiah surged significantly by 12.5 percent to 14,265;
- Thai baht rose 5.6 percent to 30.9; and
- Singapore dollar up 2.0 percent to 1.39.

In the case of the ringgit, the sell-off eased during the quarter under review and recovered in June. The ringgit appreciated by 0.8 percent to 4.29 supported by the USD weakening and recovery in the global crude oil prices.





Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman, AmBank Group, and in his capacity as the President of Persatuan Sahabat Penjara Malaysia (SAHABAT) officiated the closing ceremony for Karnival Sukan dan Kebudayaan Penghuni Jabatan Penjara Malaysia 2020 on Monday, 10 February 2020.

Closing Ceremony – Karnival Sukan dan Kebudayaan Penghuni Jabatan Penjara Malaysia 2020

The closing ceremony of *Karnival Sukan & Kebudayaan Penghuni Jabatan Penjara Malaysia 2020* was graced by Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman, AmBank Group, who is also the President of *Persatuan Sahabat Penjara*

Malaysia (SAHABAT) which was held at Kajang Prison in February this year.

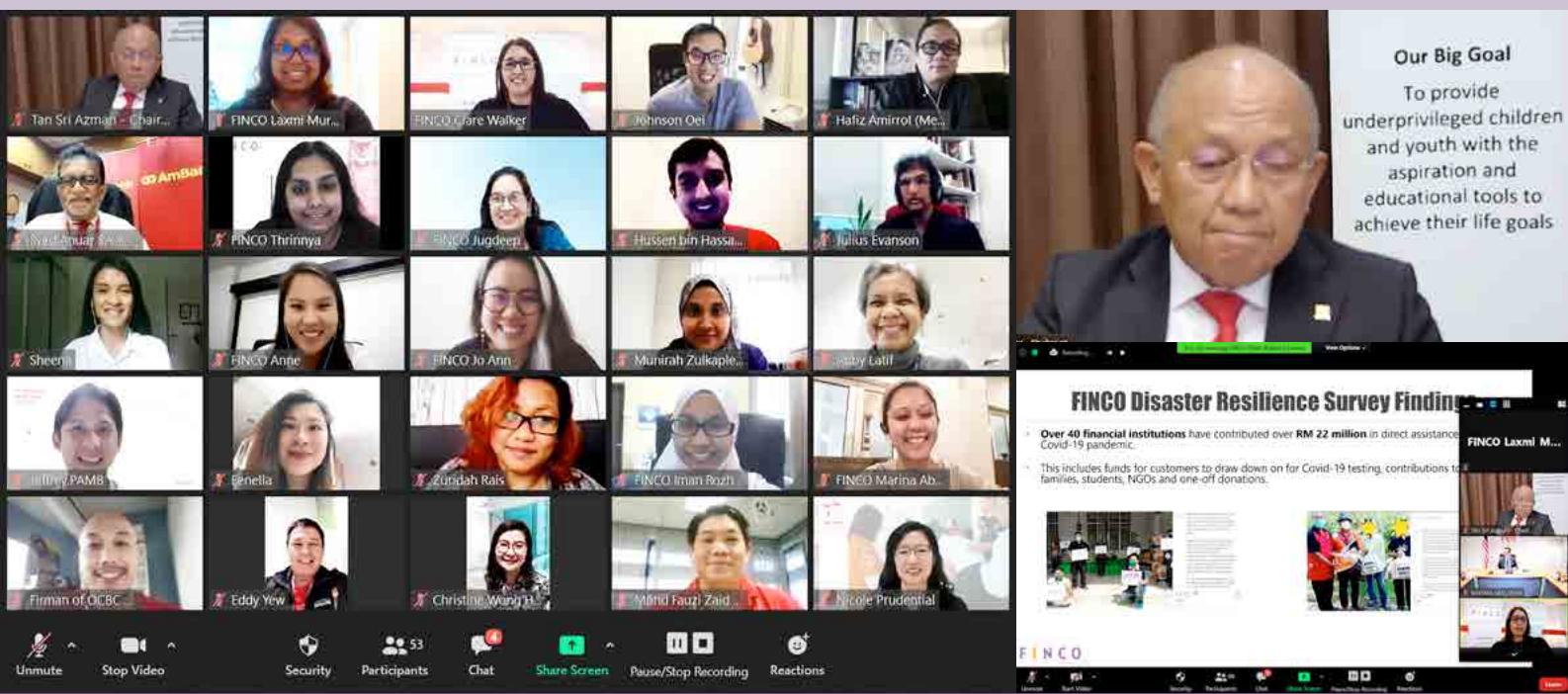
The carnival which was hosted by Kajang Prison saw participation from 363 male and 85 female inmates from 26 prison institutions throughout

Malaysia. The inmates participated in field sports activities, athletics, indoor games, as well as singing and dancing competition.

The host contingent, Kajang Prison, emerged as the overall champion, followed by Bentong Prison in second place and Kluang Prison in third place.



Also present at the closing ceremony were Syed Anuar Syed Ali, Executive Vice President, Group Corporate Communications & Marketing, AmBank Group, Dato' Sri Haji Zulkifli Omar, Director General, Malaysian Prison, Dato' Jamaluddin Saad, Deputy Director General (Management), Dato' Abdul Aziz Abdul Razak, Deputy Director General (Detention) and Abdul Halim Ma Hassan, Kajang Prison Director.



FINCO Disaster Resilience Forum Shares Best Practice and Encourages Collaboration Amongst Financial Industry

The Financial Industry Collective Outreach (FINCO) organised an online Disaster Resilience Forum on Wednesday, 7 October 2020. The forum was held to discuss on how the financial industry can come together effectively to reduce disruptions faced by communities, in particular children, during disasters and increase their capacity to cope.

The forum, held in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), witnessed the sharing of data, key learning and examples of best practice in preparing for and responding to natural disasters. Discussions centred around how to effectively support students, their schools and communities to develop greater resilience to disasters such as floods and pandemics.

In his opening remarks YBrs Tuan Jamil Derus bin Ahmad, Deputy Director General (Policy) of NADMA, lauded the financial industry for their valuable contributions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and previous disasters.

Tuan Jamil said, "I am encouraged to witness today, the convening of such a diverse range of stakeholders coming together virtually to better understand

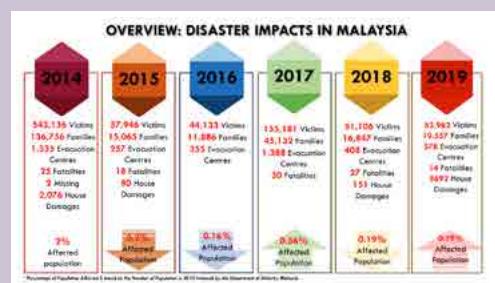
the many issues we are facing in disaster risk reduction and earnestly hope that this platform will resolutely strengthen ties between the different stakeholders present to bring about sustainable and impactful initiatives for the communities and in particular our children."

The Forum brought together the financial industry, including associations and their member organisations, NGOs, and government agencies to discuss pertinent issues, challenges and pressing needs which can be addressed through a more coordinated industry-wide effort and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

The Chairman of FINCO, Tan Sri Azman Hashim said, "Whether in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or the increasingly severe impact of floods, the financial industry has repeatedly stepped up support for vulnerable communities. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic alone, the financial industry's direct contributions have exceeded RM22 million to date. In addition, financial institutions have provided relief in the form of deferment of loan repayments, expedited claims and other forms of non-financial assistance.

Through FINCO we have a unique

opportunity to come together as an industry to create even greater impact and I look forward to being able to announce some joint initiatives in the near future."



"Whether in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or the increasingly severe impact of floods, the financial industry has repeatedly stepped up support for vulnerable communities."

***Tan Sri Azman Hashim,
Chairman, FINCO***

The collaboration between FINCO and NADMA comes as the Malaysian government works to improve the way it manages disasters and its risks, by fully transforming from a top-down, government-centric reactive approach to one of reducing disaster risks through multi-sectoral engagement and participation.

Tan Sri Azman Hashim Shares His Insights and Thoughts

Tan Sri Azman Hashim shares his thoughts and views via broadcast through FINCO Instagram.

1. Study the Things That You Like

2. Learn English

3. Have Good Values

Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman, AmBank Group has shared some tips for students on being successful in life. This is part of video series brought by Financial Industry Collective Outreach (FINCO) to share inspiring stories from financial institution CEOs and leaders created for students and teachers.

About FINCO

The Financial Industry Collective Outreach (FINCO) is a collaborative initiative pioneered by all financial institutions in Malaysia with the support of Bank Negara Malaysia. Their mission is to provide underprivileged children and youth with the guidance and educational tools they need to achieve their life goals. Please visit <https://www.finco.my/> to learn more about their programmes.

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On Wednesday, 9 September 2020, Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman, AmBank Group who is also the Chairman of Perdana Leadership Foundation (PLF) attended Board of Trustees meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Putrajaya. The meeting was to discuss on the PLF's programmes.

About Perdama Leadership Foundation

Perdama Leadership Foundation was chartered in January 2003 as a non-profit organisation, founded with gifts from people who supported the vision of a thriving research and learning institution dedicated to the study of Malaysian leadership and nation-building. It is unique in the sense that it began as an entirely private sector initiative, seed-funded and organised by private sector individuals and corporations. Most of the Foundation's present trustees were the early benefactors of this Foundation.

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Announcement of New Kelab AmBank Group (KAG)'s Office Bearers for 2020–2022

At the recent Kelab AmBank Group (KAG) Annual General Meeting (AGM), the new Office Bearers for year 2020–2022 were elected and the Office Bearers are as follows:

Name	Position
Syed Anuar Syed Ali	President
Ashraf Mohamed	Honorary General Secretary
Wan Hasmidar Wan Husin	Honorary Treasurer
AmBank – Group Shared Services	
Heida Hew	Vice President
Nor Aniza	Exco Member
Aminuddin	Exco Member
Namizam Muda	Exco Member
Azmi Yusof	Exco Member
Wholesale Banking	
Azli Jamil	Vice President
Edmond Lim	Exco Member
Sam Chooi Fun	Exco Member
AmInvestment Bank	
Radzi Ali	Vice President
Vacant	Exco Member
Vacant	Exco Member
AmBank – Retail Banking	
Oh Eng Tatt	Vice President
Osman Elias	Exco Member
Omar Abdul Rahman	Exco Member
Muazrul Baharuddin	Exco Member
Mohd Khairul Izzaz Bin Ismail	Exco Member – AmBank Islamic



Name	Position
AmBank – GIOD	
Elango Kuppusamy	Vice President
AmMetLife Insurance Berhad	
Nasirudeen Abdul Rashid	Vice-President
Hazreel Hizad	Exco Member
Alif Zamri	Exco Member
AmGeneral Insurance Berhad	
Majid Idris	Vice-President
Noer Zahidah	Exco Member
Siti Noor Rizan	Exco Member
Muharen (Dino)	Exco Member
AmMetLife Takaful Berhad	
Fauzi Dahari	Vice President
Vacant	Exco Member
IT Coordinator	
Harma Rabiah Kahar	IT Coordinator
Group Human Resources Representative	
Vacant	Human Resources Representative
KEPPA Representative	
Mohammad Hazri Kasbi	KEPPA Representative

#merdekabersamakag2020

ICONIC LANDMARKS OF MALAYSIA IN PICTURES.

#KAGMerdekaPhotoContest2020
#MerdekaBersamaKAG2020

**First Prize**

User ID: @mohammadazrulamir
Full Name: Azrul Amir Mustaffa Kamal
Dept/LOB: Credit Admin Department (WB)

Merdeka! Kesyukuran Bersama,
Merdeka! Kebahagiaan Bersama,
Merdeka! Bersatu Teguh,
Merdeka! Bercerai Roboh.

Kesatuan hati rakyat Malaysia berbilang kaum
yang hidup dengan aman dan harmoni itu lah
“Merdeka”

Second Prize:

User ID: @faramyra
Full Name: Farah Amirah binti Zulkifli
Dept/LOB: Retail Banking
All 5 of us getting together participating in this contest, agreeing on the location, the clothes, colour theme and finally giving a nod to this picture to be posted as “The Picture”, I believe we have truly depicted the real meaning of Merdeka. Gesture may seem to be simple, yet we all know how complicated it can be if one person has a different opinion.
Old normal or new normal Merdeka is indeed Unity in diversity.
*Selamat Merdeka to Malaysia!
Selamat Merdeka to Us Malaysians!*

**Third Prize:**

User ID: @khairulamri7
Full Name: Khairul Amri
Dept/LOB: Group Corporate Communications & Marketing

This is our Nation, our Land, our Home, and freedom is the greatest gift and right we have ever achieved. We shall never forget our founding fathers who have fought for our Independence, and entrusted to us the legacy which we together as Malaysians are responsible to preserve for our future generation. Selamat Hari Kebangsaan ke-63 Malaysia – Tanah Tumpahnya Darahku

Congratulations to all the winners!

First Prize: RM800 & Hamper

Azrul Amir Mustaffa Kamal,
Credit Admin Department (WB)

Second Prize:**RM700 & KAG Premium Items**

Farah Amirah Zulkifli, Retail Banking

Third Prize:**RM600 & KAG Premium Items**

Khairul Amri Aznan, Group Corporate Communications & Marketing

Fourth Prize:**RM500 & KAG Premium Items**

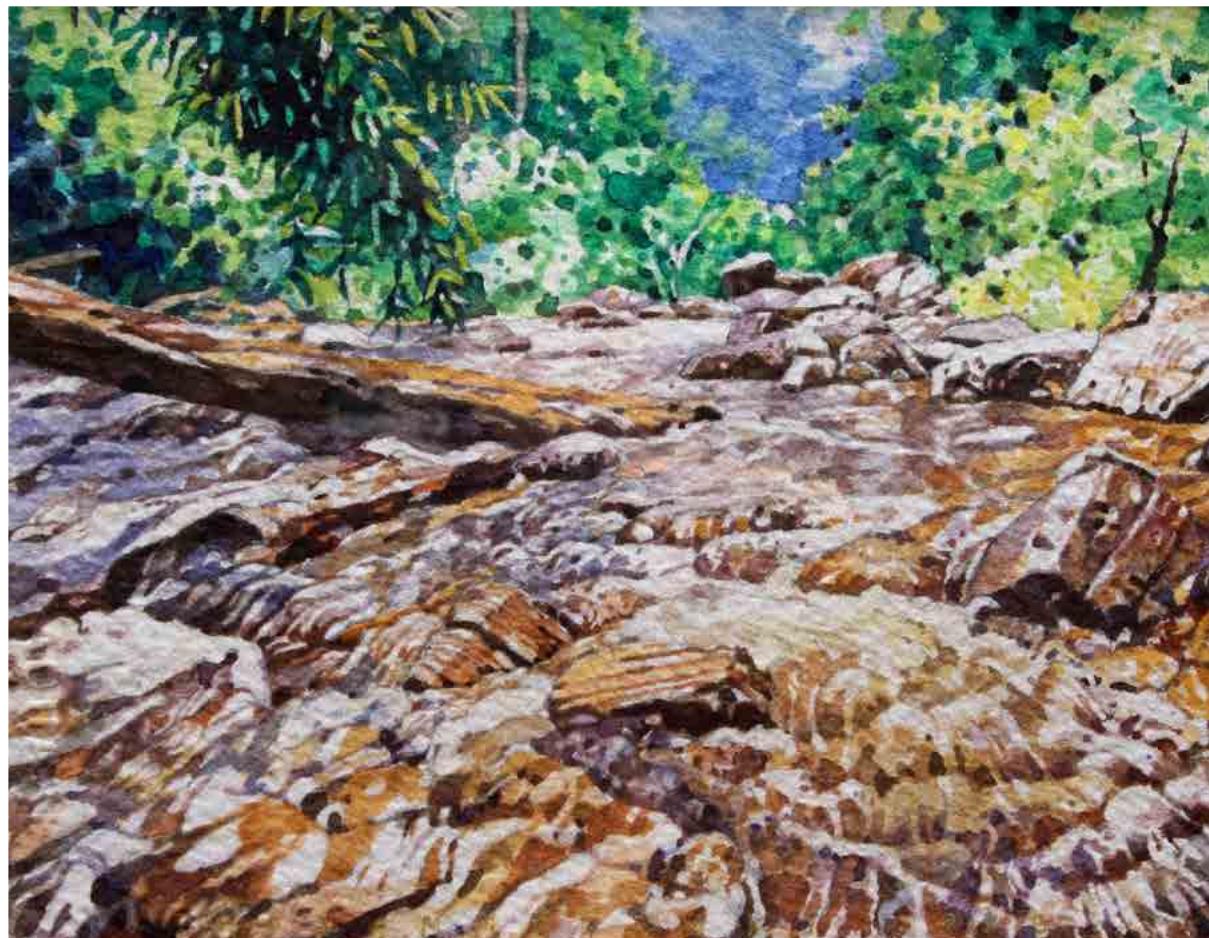
Nurul Hasanah Rebuyen,
AmGeneral Insurance Berhad
- Melaka Branch

Fifth Prize:**RM450 & KAG Premium Items**

Grace Choo, Client and Employee Engagement Department

Consolation Prizes:**RM300 & KAG Premium Items**

Lee Chee Kheong, RCA & Process, Customer Care
Jin Yuen, Group Finance – Investor Relations
Aswad b. Nor Azlan, Retail Distribution
Saline Mahayuddin, AmBank Batu Gajah
Vanitha Venugopal, Contact Centre/Retail Banking



Title:
Pemandangan Sungai Malaysia

Medium:
Water Colour

Measurement:
W15cm x H12cm

Location:
L20, Menara AmBank

Mohammed Zaki Zakaria

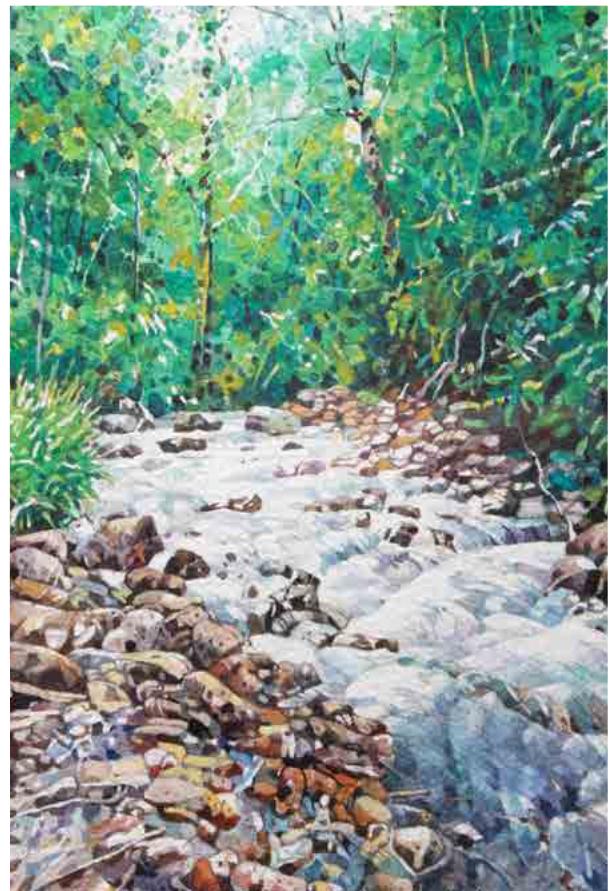
Mohammed Zaki Zakaria is a self-taught artist from a small village in Besut, Terengganu. Born in 1963, his passion and rare talent for art emerged at a tender young age. While he was still exploring the many areas of art, Zaki pursued architecture at a local polytechnic and obtained his basic training in a field which later shaped his direction in the creative world of painting. Finally in 1993, Zaki left his profession to fulfil his lifetime ambition as a full-time artist. Amongst his favourite themes are nature, flora and fauna, the study of living things, architecture, historical buildings, Malay heritage, and perspectives. As an artist, Zaki is well versed in using oilpaint and acrylic to express his vision, but he personally prefers to use water colour. To him, the use of water colours to elaborately express his thoughts and ideas have always produced excellent results. To date, Zaki has participated in a number of Grand Art Exhibitions all over Klang Valley.

Title:
Waterfall (Sabah)

Medium:
Water Colour

Measurement:
W14cm x H20cm

Location:
L20, Menara AmBank





■ One of many in the collection of brass camels with intricate carving chiselled all over its single hump, neck and legs.

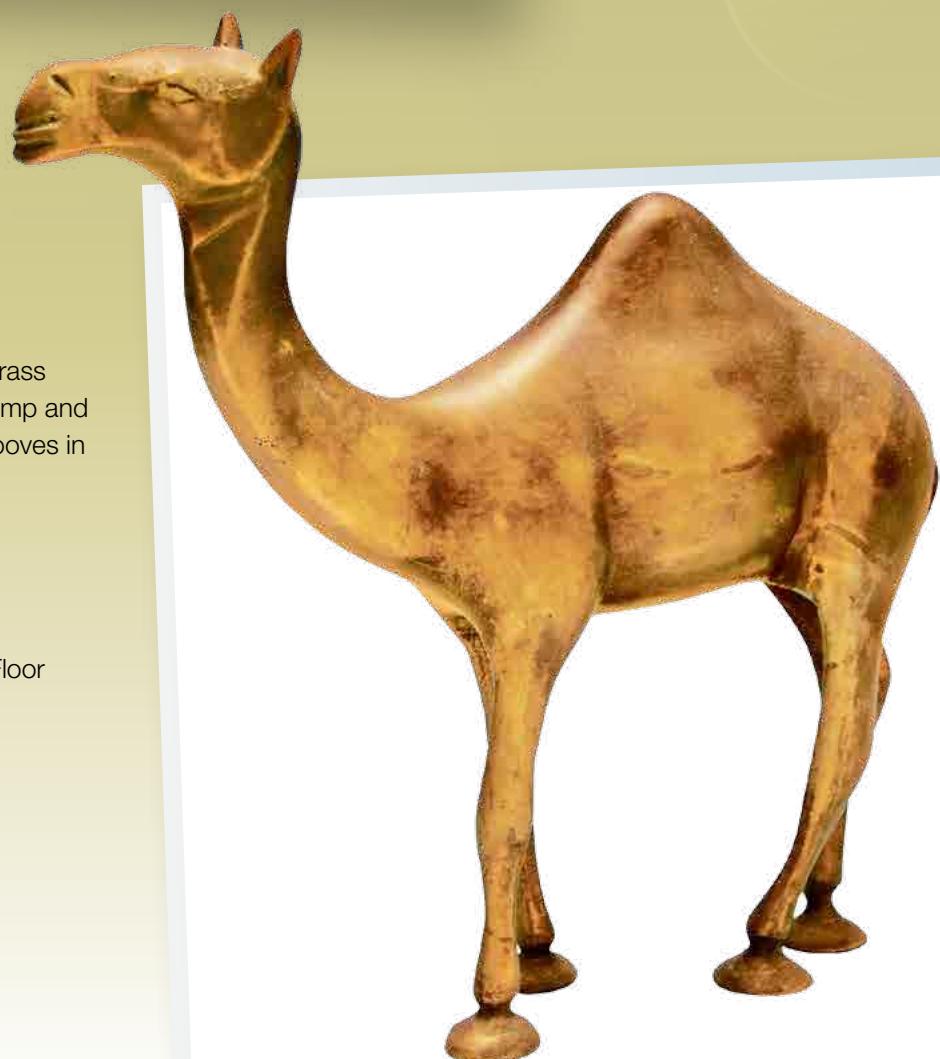
Size:

17.5cm (H) x 20cm (L)

Location:

Banking Hall, Ground Floor
Menara AmBank

Jalan Yap Kwan Seng
Kuala Lumpur



■ A dark gold coloured brass camel with a raised hump and exaggerated circular hooves in a standing position.

Size:

20cm (H) x 23cm (L)

Location:

Banking Hall, Ground Floor
Menara AmBank
Jalan Yap Kwan Seng
Kuala Lumpur

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