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Kenanga Group Wins Six Awards at the Bursa Excellence Awards 2018

Winner of 'Best Trading Participant Equity and Financial Derivatives' for the 16th Consecutive Year

Kuala Lumpur, 11 April 2019: Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad ("Kenanga Group") received multiple accolades at the recent prestigious Bursa Excellence Awards event, taking home 6 awards, out of 18 categories.

A returning recipient to the annual event, Kenanga Group was awarded the following recognition this year, for its achievements in the equity broking and derivatives space:

- Best Trading Participant Equity & Financial Derivatives (Champion)
- Best Institutional Derivatives Trading Participant (Champion)
- Best Remisier (Champion)
- Best Overall Derivatives Trading Participant (1st Runner Up)
- Best Institutional Equities Participating Organisation – Investment Bank (2nd Runner Up)
- Best Retail Equities Participating Organisation – Investment Bank (2nd Runner Up)

The consistent recognition received in the various categories over the years, in particular winning the 'Best Trading participant Equity and Financial Derivatives' for the 16th consecutive year, underscores the Group's efforts in promoting sustainable performance and growth.

"It is an honour to receive these recognitions. We are encouraged by these distinguished awards, which reinforce our commitment towards driving innovations and collaboration in the marketplace. As the largest independent investment bank in the country, we look forward to continue playing our part in shaping the future of capital markets in Malaysia," said Datuk Chay Wai Leong, Group Managing Director, Kenanga Group.

The event was graced by Dato' Asri Hamidon, Deputy Secretary General (Investment), Ministry of Finance Malaysia; Datuk Syed Zaid Albar, Chairman, Securities Commission Malaysia; Datuk Shireen Ann Zaharah Muhiudeen, Chairman, Bursa Malaysia Berhad as well as Datuk Muhammad Umar Swift, Chief Executive Officer, Bursa Malaysia Berhad.



Organised by Bursa Malaysia, the Bursa Excellence Awards 2018 was themed “Outthinking, Outlasting, Outstanding”, a tribute to the market participants who successfully navigate various market cycles through perseverance and sound judgement. It recognised their agility, innovativeness and versatility in being able to step up to stay relevant in business. The event featured 18 award categories honouring participating organisations and individuals who helped build the capital market across three segments, namely equities, derivatives and the Islamic capital market.

For more information on Kenanga Group, please visit www.kenanga.com.my.

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About Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad (15678-H)

Established for more than 45 years, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad (the Group) is a financial group in Malaysia with extensive experience in equity broking, investment banking, treasury, Islamic banking, listed derivatives, investment management, wealth management, structured lending and trade financing. Today, it is an award-winning leading independent investment bank in the country with a continuous commitment towards driving collaboration, innovation and digitalisation in the marketplace.

Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad is the largest independent investment bank* in Malaysia by equity trading volume and value, as well as, one of the top brokerage houses with the largest network of remisiers. Its fast-growing client base enjoys convenience through more than 30 locations throughout Malaysia.

The Group has garnered a host of awards and accolades reflecting its strong market position. It was awarded under the categories of Best Institutional Equities Participating Organisation and Best Retail Equities Participating Organisation by Bursa Malaysia along with Best Trading Participant for Equity and Financial Derivatives for 16 consecutive years. The Group was also accorded titles of Best Institutional Derivatives Trading Participant and Best Overall Derivatives Trading Participant categories by Bursa Malaysia.

The Group received Best Dividend Yield at Focus Malaysia's Best Under Billion Awards 2018, and it clinched 'Deal of the Year 2018' from Islamic Finance News for its innovative Sukuk programme. The Group continues to be a regular and repeat recipient of distinguished industry accolades, such as the Lipper, Fundsupermart and Morningstar awards.

Rakuten Trade Sdn Bhd, the Group's joint venture with Japan's Rakuten Securities, Inc. was named FinTech Company of the Year.

For its continued efforts towards community outreach and employee volunteerism, the Group was awarded the coveted CSR Award (Investment Bank) at the CSR Malaysia Awards 2018, an award endorsed by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Family Planning.

** year to date based on Bursa Malaysia's Participating Organisations (POs) Trading Summary.*

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