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BANK ISLAM PARTNERS NOMURA ASSET MANAGEMENT

Broadens Shariah-compliant product offerings

KUALA LUMPUR, Thursday, [26 September 2024]: Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (Bank Islam) onboards Nomura Asset Management Malaysia (Nomura) as its Asset Management partner, marking Bank Islam's inaugural direct partnership with a global asset management firm. The strategic partnership provides broader Shariah-compliant product offerings through six (6) investment products offered.

The funds include Nomura Global Shariah Semiconductor Equity Fund, Nomura Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund, Nomura Global Shariah Strategic Growth Fund, Nomura i-Income Fund, Nomura i-Cash Fund, Nomura i-Income Fund 2.

Bank Islam Director, Wealth Management, Datin Sarah Muttalib, said, "As the Bank that advances prosperity for all, we are committed to providing innovative and relevant financial solutions for our customers. Nomura aligns perfectly with Bank Islam's values and is renowned for its commitment to sustainability and ethical practices grounded in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. Together, we aim to deliver innovative investment solutions that meet our clients' financial aspirations and contribute positively to society and the environment."

Leslie Yap, CFA, the Managing Director for Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., and the Country Head for Nomura's business in Malaysia, said, "With Bank Islam, Nomura expands its reach to a broader investor base as demand for Shariah-compliant and sustainable funds grows amongst investors. As an ideal partner to distribute our funds, Bank Islam possesses extensive experience in the Shariah financial industry as well as a strong distribution network."

Bank Islam offers comprehensive financial services tailored to its clients' diverse needs. Its portfolios extend beyond Unit Trust Investments, including Nomura's Shariah-

compliant funds, to encompass Takaful Protection, Estate Planning, Capital Market Products, and more. The Bank also introduced Premier Wealth Banking, designed for clients seeking high levels of expertise. With this exclusive service, customers benefit from personalised financial advice, exceptional customer service, and dedicated support from relationship managers, all of which are aimed at helping them achieve their financial goals.

“At Bank Islam, we provide a diverse range of financial products and services designed to meet the evolving needs of our clients, from wealth accumulation and protection planning to retirement strategies. Our Islamic Wealth Management offerings, rooted in the concept of "From Cradle to Hereafter," are inclusive, catering to all Muslim and non-Muslim clients. We are dedicated to enhancing opportunities for local investors by expanding access to Shariah-compliant investment options, empowering them to make informed and ethical financial decisions. Contact us today, and we'll provide personalised guidance to help you navigate the financial landscape and achieve a prosperous future for you and your loved ones.” Sarah further adds.

Through this strategic alliance, Nomura's suite of Shariah-investment funds is now available for investors investing in Malaysia via Bank Islam's distribution channels and Bank Islam's branches nationwide. For more information on how to apply and our products, please visit www.bankislam.com/personal-banking/wealth-management/.

About Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (Registration No [198301002944(98127-X)])

Bank Islam is the first Islamic bank publicly listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. Established in July 1983, the bank has 135 branches and over 900 self-service terminals across Malaysia. As a pure-play Islamic bank, Bank Islam provides retail banking and corporate financial solutions that strictly adhere to Shariah rules and principles. The bank is committed to sustainable prosperity and ESG values and is an official UN Global Compact Malaysia and Brunei participant. Bank Islam's core subsidiaries, BIMB Investment and BIMB Securities, offer various Islamic financial services, including investment and stockbroking. For more information on the Group's products and services, please visit www.bankislam.com.

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About Nomura Asset Management

Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM) manages client assets globally and has a footprint across Japan, Asia, Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Australia.

Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. and Nomura Islamic Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. are the Malaysian subsidiary companies of NAM. The combined total assets under management of both entities stood at MYR 35.8 billion as of August 31, 2024.

Nomura is a global financial services group with an integrated network spanning approximately 30 countries and regions. By connecting markets East & West, Nomura services the needs of individuals, institutions, corporates and

governments through its three business divisions: Wealth Management, Investment Management, and Wholesale (Global Markets and Investment Banking). Founded in 1925, the firm is built on a tradition of disciplined entrepreneurship, serving clients with creative solutions and considered thought leadership. For further information about Nomura, visit www.nomura.com.