

Kenanga Investment Bank Named 'Best Overall Equities Participating Organisation' Champion For The Second Year Running At The Bursa Excellence Awards



*From Left to Right: **Tan Heng Meng** – Head, Retail Business, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad; **Lee Kok Khee** – Executive Director and Head of Group Equity Broking Business, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad; **Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Bin Omar** – Chairman, Bursa Malaysia Berhad; **Datuk Chay Wai Leong** – Group Managing Director, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad; **Datuk Muhamad Umar Swift** – Chief Executive Officer, Bursa Malaysia Berhad; **Chan Tuck Kiong** – Head, Dealing and Institutional Business, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad and **Edwin Lee** – Head of Broking, Listed Derivatives, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad at the 10th Bursa Excellence Awards on 31 March 2022*

Kuala Lumpur, 1 April 2022 – Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad (“Kenanga”), country’s leading independent investment bank, was awarded Champion for Best Overall Equities Participating Organisation at the coveted annual Bursa Excellence Awards, marking Kenanga’s second consecutive year receiving this prestigious accolade.

Kenanga Group was recognised in four categories:

- Best Overall Equities Participating Organisation (Champion)
- Best Retail Equities Participating Organisation – Investment Bank (Champion)
- Best Institutional Derivatives Trading Participant (Champion)
- Best Overall Derivatives Trading Participant (2nd Runner Up)

This marks the second time Kenanga has been awarded Champion ‘Best Retail Equities Participating Organisation’, in addition to winning in the “Best Institutional Derivatives Trading Participant” category since 2014.



Datuk Chay Wai Leong, Group Managing Director of Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad who received the awards at the ceremony last night said, "It is an absolute honour to be awarded in multiple categories once again. We thank Bursa Malaysia for their recognition as it is an endorsement of the Group's continuous efforts to innovation, given the complexity and challenges of the past year. These awards also serve as encouragement for the Group to further strengthen our commitment towards excellence."

Honouring top performing brokers and intermediaries, the 10th Bursa Excellence Awards, themed "Driving Possibilities, Elevating Excellence", was graced by Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Bin Omar, Chairman of Bursa Malaysia Berhad, as well as Datuk Muhamad Umar Swift, Chief Executive Officer of Bursa Malaysia Berhad.

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*Disclaimer: *Year to date based on Bursa Malaysia's Participating Organisations (POs) Trading Summary*

About Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad (197301002193 (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 with strong foundations in regulatory compliance and risk management.

An innovative and established home-grown brand, the Group's digital ambition includes building a robust digital ecosystem that meets the needs of its clients and businesses. Some of its game-changing products includes Malaysia's fully online digital stockbroking platform Rakuten Trade and a fully A.I. robo-advisor, Kenanga Digital Investing. The Group also launched Malaysia's first securities broking e-wallet, Kenanga Money, paved the way in AI-led Quan and algorithmic trading, kick-started a revolutionary supply chain financing solution for SMEs and made inroads into the digital assets space through its investment in Tokenize Technology (M) Sdn.Bhd.

The Group has garnered a host of awards and accolades reflecting its strong market position. It was awarded under the categories of Highest Returns to Shareholder Over Three Years, Best Overall Equities Participating Organisation by Bursa Malaysia, Best Overall Derivatives Trading Participant, Best Structured Warrant Issuer, Best Retail Equities Participating Organisation, Best Institutional Equities Participating Organisation Investment Bank; along with Best Trading Participant and Best Institutional Equities Participating Organisation and for Equity and Financial Derivatives for 18 consecutive years. The Group was also accorded the title of Best Institutional Derivatives Trading category by Bursa Malaysia.

The Group continues to be a regular and repeat recipient of distinguished industry accolades, such as the Lipper, Fundsupermart and Morningstar awards. Rakuten Trade, Malaysia's first fully digital securities broker in 2017 via a joint venture with Japanese fintech giant Rakuten Securities Inc was also named Malaysia's fintech company of the year in 2018 by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). For its continued efforts towards community outreach and employee volunteerism, the Group was awarded the coveted Company of the Year award for environmental and sustainability at Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2021. The Group is also a Participant of the United Nations Global Compact and adheres to its principle-based approach to responsible business.

Today, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad is an award-winning leading independent investment bank in the country with a continuous commitment towards driving collaboration, innovation, digitalisation and sustainability in the marketplace.

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