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## Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad Scores Big as Largest Group Awards Winner at Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2023

*Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad takes home eight awards, recognized for the ninth consecutive year*

Kuala Lumpur – Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad was recognized at the 2023 Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards, for ninth consecutive year. This year, Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad won eight prestigious awards, including three group awards and five fund awards, in categories that span equity, bond and mixed assets.

Group Awards:

### Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad

- Best Equity Fund Family Group Over Three Years, Malaysia
- Best Bond Fund Family Group Over Three Years, Malaysia Provident Funds
- Best Mixed Assets Fund Family Group Over Three Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds

Individual Funds Awards:

- [Manulife Investment Growth Fund](#)  
Best Equity Malaysia Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Funds
- [Manulife Investment Progress Fund](#)  
Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund Over 10 Years, Malaysia Funds
- [Manulife Investment-ML Flexi Fund](#)  
Best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible Fund Over 10 Years, Malaysia Funds
- [Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Plus<sup>1</sup> Fund](#)  
Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds
- [Manulife Investment-HW Shariah Flexi Fund](#)  
Best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible Fund Over 10 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds

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<sup>1</sup> The word “Plus” is used in the fund’s name as the fund has a similar investment strategy as Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Fund with a wider universe via exposure to the Asia Pacific region.

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Mr. Jason Chong, Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad said, “We are delighted to be recognized by Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards. These awards are a testament to our investment philosophy and capabilities in capturing long-term opportunities for our clients through different economic and market cycles.”

“Despite a challenging year in 2022 due to stagflationary dynamics, geopolitical upheaval and the aggressive monetary tightening, Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad remained focused on safeguarding our clients’ portfolios. The experience gained from overcoming each financial challenge over the year gave us valuable insights and enable us to continue to hold a steady ship irrespective of market conditions,” Chong added.

“The 2023 Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards recognize those award winning managers who navigated their shareholders through the impacts of a global pandemic and then the perfect storm of economic shocks leading to generational inflation pressure and global central bank interventions. Prospects for potential recessionary forces taking hold and subdued returns across most major asset classes in 2023, highlights the need for adept stewardship of one’s investments. Fund managers will need to guide their investors through these challenging times and position them favorably for the eventual recovery. We applaud the 2023 Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award winners such as Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad for delivering outperformance and the accompanying comfort of consistency to investors’ portfolios through a cross-current of global economic disruptions,” said Robert Jenkins, Head of Research, Lipper, Refinitiv.

Ng Chze How, Head of Retail Wealth Distribution, Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad said, “I would like to congratulate our team on this well-deserved recognition and thank all our business partners for their support and partnership, as we continue to provide relevant products and services to investors in Malaysia. For instance, our one-stop online fund investment platform, [Manulife iFUNDS](#), allows us to take the customer experience to the next level, and digitally enabled our advisers to better counsel clients and help them manage their portfolios anytime, anywhere.”

All winning funds are available on [Manulife iFUNDS](#).

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For more than 30 years and in over 17 countries worldwide, the highly-respected Refinitiv Lipper Awards have honoured funds and fund management firms that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers and focus the investment world on top-funds. The merit of the winners is based on entirely objective, quantitative criteria. This coupled with the unmatched depth of fund data, results in a unique level of prestige and ensures the award has lasting value. Renowned fund data and proprietary methodology is the foundation of this prestigious award qualification, recognizing excellence in fund management. Find out more at [www.lipperfundawards.com](http://www.lipperfundawards.com).

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