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Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad Emerges as the Biggest Group Award Winner at the LSEG Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2024, Securing a Staggering 11 Prestigious Awards

Took home three group awards and eight individual fund awards, extending its Lipper recognition streak for the 10th consecutive year

Kuala Lumpur – Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad has once again been honored at the LSEG Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2024, marking its 10th consecutive year of recognition. This year, the firm achieved notable success by winning 11 prestigious awards, comprising three group awards and eight individual fund awards. These accolades span a range of categories, including equity and mixed assets, highlighting Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad’s excellence and investment versatility across various disciplines and asset classes.

Group Awards:

Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad

- Best Equity Group, Malaysia Funds
- Best Mixed Assets Group Award, Malaysia Provident Fund
- Best Equity Group, Malaysia Islamic Funds

Individual Funds Awards:

- [**Manulife Investment Progress Fund**](#)
Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund Over 10 Years, Malaysia Funds
- [**Manulife Investment-CM Flexi Fund**](#)
Best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Funds
- [**Manulife Investment Shariah Asia-Pacific ex Japan Fund**](#)
Best Equity Asia Pacific ex-Japan Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Pension Funds
- [**Manulife Investment-ML Flexi Fund**](#)
Best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Pension Funds
- [**Manulife Investment Al-Fauzan**](#)
Best Equity Malaysia Income Fund Over 10 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds
- [**Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Plus Fund**](#)
Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds
Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund 5 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds

- **[Manulife Investment Al-Umran](#)**

Best Malaysia Mixed Asset MYR Balanced Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds

Jason Chong, Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad said: “We are delighted to once again be recognized by the LSEG Lipper Fund Awards. These awards are a testament to our steadfast investment philosophy and our ability to capture long-term opportunities for our clients across various economic and market cycles. I am immensely proud of our team's achievements, and the acknowledgment from Lipper underscores our unwavering commitment to exceed expectations for investors in Malaysia. This recognition motivates us to continue our pursuit of excellence and to consistently go above and beyond in serving our clients' investment needs.”

“In the face of a tumultuous 2023, marked by surging inflation, and the possibility of a mild recession in the US, Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad focused on the protection of our clients' investments. Our journey through the year's financial adversities enriched us with critical knowledge and experience, equipping us with the insights necessary to ensure the stability of our clients' portfolios amid the ever-changing market dynamics,” **Chong added.**

Ng Chze How, Head of Retail Wealth Distribution, Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad said, “I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our team for this well-earned recognition and my gratitude to all our business partners for their support and collaboration. Stepping into an era where digitalisation is pivotal for business expansion, we are dedicated to enhancing our technology to elevate the customer experience for our clients. As we persist in delivering pertinent products and services to investors in Malaysia, initiatives like our Manulife iFUNDS—a comprehensive online fund investment platform—significantly enhances the customer experience by ensuring our clients have convenient access to information, aiding them in making informed investment decisions.”

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

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Local Currency Bonds by The Asset Benchmark Research Awards 2017 and the Best Group Over 3 Years - Mixed Assets by Thomson Reuters Lipper Global Islamic Fund Award 2018. Visit us online at manulifeim.com.my.

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