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Manulife Investment Management (M) Bhd recognised as one of the leaders in Shariah-compliant investment solutions at the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Global Islamic 2023 and Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2023

Underscores the firm's leadership in serving the needs of investors in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR – Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad (“Manulife Investment Management”) is pleased to announce it has won a total of 11 awards at the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Global Islamic 2023 and Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2023, underpinning its investment leadership and ability to help meet the long-term financial goals of investors in Malaysia.

Manulife Investment Management achieved the distinction of being the only company from Malaysia to win a Group Award together with two Fund Awards at Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Global Islamic 2023. The accolades received demonstrated the firm’s dedication to expand its Shariah-compliant offerings.

Earlier this year, Manulife Investment Management also clinched three Group Awards and five Fund Awards at Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2023, which further recognised the firm’s capability in offering best-in-class conventional investments covering equity, fixed income and mixed assets solutions.

Jason Chong, Chief Executive Officer, Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad, said: “We are excited to be once again recognised as one of the leaders in providing a wide range of investment solutions to investors in Malaysia. Our on-the-ground teams work tirelessly to understand our clients’ financial objectives and develop innovative solutions that can meet their diverse needs and requirements amidst an ever-evolving market environment. I am proud of our teams’ achievements, and the acknowledgement from *Refinitiv Lipper* reinforces our commitment to go further above and beyond for investors in the market.”

The acknowledgement from *Refinitiv Lipper* highlights the strength and capability of Manulife Investment Management’s investment teams and underpins the firm’s commitment to delivering compelling investment outcomes for clients and its unique position in bringing best-in-class solutions to the unit trust and pension fund markets in Malaysia.

The comprehensive award list won by Manulife Investment Management is as follows:

Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Global Islamic 2023

Group Award

- Best Mixed Assets Fund Family Group Over Three Years

Fund Awards

- Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund Over 3 Years - [Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Plus* Fund](#)
- Best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible Fund Over 10 Years - [Manulife Investment-HW Shariah Flexi Fund](#)

Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2023

Group Awards

- 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

Fund Awards

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

*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.

All winning funds are available for subscription through the unit trust advisers of Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad or through [Manulife iFUNDS](#).

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The *Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards*, granted annually, highlight funds and fund companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The *Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards* are based on the *Lipper Leader for Consistent Return* rating, which is an objective, quantitative, risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 months. The fund with the highest *Lipper Leader for Consistent Return* (Effective Return) value in each eligible classification wins the *Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award*. For

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