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Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad Awarded Best Asia-Pacific Equity Fund by Morningstar Awards

This recognition underscores Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad's consistent long-term performance and investment discipline

Kuala Lumpur – Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad (“Manulife IM (Malaysia)”) has been awarded Best Asia-Pacific Equity Fund at the Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence Malaysia 2026, recognising the strong performance of the Manulife Investment Asia-Pacific ex Japan Fund – RM Class (“the Fund”). The accolade further strengthens the firm’s expanding portfolio of industry recognition and reflects its focus on long-term investment management.

The Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence recognise funds that have delivered strong risk-adjusted returns over time, while also demonstrating the ability to continue serving investors well in the future through disciplined investment approaches and strong stewardship.

According to Morningstar’s methodology, winning funds are evaluated based on a combination of quantitative performance, risk metrics, and forward-looking qualitative assessments, including the strength of the investment team, process, and parent organisation.

“We are honoured to receive this recognition from Morningstar,” said **Jason Chong, Chief Executive Officer of Manulife IM (Malaysia)**. “This reflects the strength of our disciplined and repeatable investment approach, underpinned by deep fundamental research and a clear focus on delivering sustainable long-term outcomes for our investors.”

Manulife IM Malaysia’s investment approach for the Fund is anchored on a bottom-up, research-driven stock selection process, supported by its proprietary GCMV (Growth, Cashflow, Management, and Valuation) framework-focusing on growth, cashflow, management, and value.

This enables the team to identify valuation gaps and capture opportunities across market cycles while maintaining a well-diversified portfolio.

Jason Chong added, “Our strategy remains focused on identifying companies with resilient business models, strong earnings potential, and capable management teams, while staying fully invested and actively navigating market opportunities. In a dynamic market environment, we continue to take a selective approach, combining bottom-up insights with macro awareness to uncover long-term growth opportunities across the Asia-Pacific region.”

The award highlights the Fund’s ability to deliver consistent performance across different market environments, supported by active portfolio management and disciplined risk controls.

Read more on the winning fund here: <https://www.manulifeim.com.my/site/fund-awards.html>

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