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KENANGA INVESTORS' FIRST ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FUND

Kuala Lumpur, 18 December 2017: Kenanga Investors Berhad (“Kenanga Investors”) recently launched its first Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) fund, Kenanga Global Multi Asset Fund (the “Fund”). This fund aims to deliver absolute returns in any market condition by diversifying into global index futures with a long/short strategy.



Photo caption: Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of Kenanga Investors, Mr. Ismitz Matthew De Alwis with Mr. Howard Siow, Chief Executive Officer of Taaffeite Capital Management, LLC.

“The new Fund is the first of its kind in Malaysia, leveraging on breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (“AI”) to identify profit opportunities from short term predictive relationships in pricing and volume data. It then constructs portfolios with a focus on capital preservation based on forecasts of instruments’ movements.

“An example of this is the Target Fund’s performance in 2016, it was able to profit from the various opportunities in asset mispricing to deliver a return of 23.2% compared to the S&P 500 benchmark of 12.0%*”, said Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer of Kenanga Investors. The Fund feeds into the TCM Global Index Fund (Cayman) Ltd (“Target Fund”), which is managed by

Taaffeite Capital Management, LLC (“Taaffeite”).

The Target Fund is an absolute return fund measured against a benchmark of 15% per annum over 2 – 3 years which profits from the daily movement of global equity and fixed income indices. The underlying assets are a long/short basket of 25 liquid global indices rebalanced once a day based on probabilistic forecasts of how indices will move over the next 24-hours.

De Alwis acknowledged that due to the current landscape of today’s financial markets, the new Fund is a welcome addition to Kenanga Investors’ existing suite of funds. “The Fund provides investors with not only a wider asset class exposure, but is dynamically managed and has the flexibility to quickly adapt to movements in the market whilst managing downside risks.

“Investments may appreciate or decline with a much greater velocity due various sentiments; however in an AI model, these sentiments are put aside, and investment decisions are based solely on its unique

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algorithm which spot opportunities in these asset mis-pricing. The AI system learns and improves over time to achieve investors' objectives." he said.

Taaffeite is a US-based financial services firm which strives to deliver absolute returns that are scalable, uncorrelated with major asset classes and consistent despite market conditions. To achieve this, it combines artificial intelligence (AI) and computational biology to develop a machine learning trading strategy. In 2017, the fund management company received the "Newcomer – Managed Futures (CTA)" title by The 2017 HFM US Hedge Fund Performance Awards in New York.

For more information about Kenanga Investors, please visit www.kenangainvestors.com.my

**Source: Taaffeite Capital Management LLC*

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About Kenanga Investors Berhad (353563-P)

Kenanga Investors Berhad ("KIB") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad, the largest independent investment bank by equity trading value and volume#. KIB is licensed to perform regulated activities of fund management dealing in securities (restricted to unit trust), investment advice and dealing in Private Retirement Scheme ("PRS") under the Capital Markets and Services Act ("CMSA") 2007. KIB provides investment solutions ranging from collective investment schemes, portfolio management services as well as segregated private mandates and alternative investments for retail, corporate and institutional clients.

KIB prides itself on its reputation for its consistent top performing funds. KIB was voted Investors' Choice – Fund House of the Year at the Fundsupermart.com's Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2017/2018. Kenanga Growth Fund ("KGF") was recognised under the Core Equity – Malaysia category. This is the eight consecutive year KGF has been accorded this honour. Meanwhile, Kenanga OnePRS Growth Fund and Kenanga OnePRS Conservative Fund were recognised under the Private Retirement Scheme – Growth and Private Retirement Scheme – Conservative categories respectively. KGF also received Institutional Investor's 2016 Asia Investment Management Award under the Malaysia Equity Fund category for 3 & 10 year performance.

As a fund house, KIB was awarded by the Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management's 2016 Best of the Best Awards in the Malaysia Best Institutional House category. Its Chief Investment Officer Ms Lee Sook Yee was named the 2016 Malaysia CIO of the Year (2nd consecutive year) while its Chief Executive Officer Mr Ismitz Matthew De Alwis was named the 2016 Malaysia CEO of the Year. KIB received the Best Equity Group (Islamic) award by The Edge Thomson Reuters Lipper Awards 2017.

KIB was assigned an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad. The rating reflects KIB's well-established investment process, strong risk management practice and operating track record.

** year to date, based on Bursa Malaysia's Participating Organisations (POs) Trading Summary.*

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Investors are advised to read and understand the Information Memorandum dated 20 November 2017 and Product Highlight Sheet before investing. The Information Memorandum and Product Highlight Sheet have been registered and/or lodged with Securities Commission Malaysia, who takes no responsibility for its contents. A copy of the said Information Memorandum and Product Highlight Sheet is obtainable at our offices or any authorised distributors. Application for Units can only be made on receipt of application from referred to in and accompanying an Information

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Memorandum and Product Highlight Sheet. Investors are advised to read and understand the Information Memorandum and Product Highlight Sheet and consider the fees, charges and risk factors before investing. Unit prices and distribution may go down as well as up. A Fund's track record does not guarantee its future performance. Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the unit trust loan financing risk disclosure statement before deciding to borrow to purchase units. If you are in doubt when considering the investment or on any of the information provided, you are advised to consult a professional adviser. Kenanga Investors Berhad is committed in preventing conflict of interest between its various businesses and activities and between its clients/directors/shareholders and employees by having in place; procedures and measures for identifying and properly managing any apparent, potential and perceived conflict of interest by making disclosures to clients, where appropriate.

The Manager wishes to highlight that the specific risks of the Fund are Liquidity Risks, Currency Risks, Country Risk, Concentration Risks, Redemption Risks and Target Fund Manager Risks. All fees and charges payable to the Manager and the Trustee are subject to goods and services tax as may be imposed by government or other authorities from time to time.

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Also featured in:

Digital News Asia (18 December 2017) [Link](#)

The screenshot shows a news article on the Digital News Asia website. The article title is "Kenanga Investors launches its first AI powered fund". The byline is "By Digital News Asia | Dec 18, 2017". The article includes a list of bullet points: "Investment decisions based solely on unique algorithm which combines AI & computational biology to develop trading strategy" and "Underlying assets are basket of 25 liquid global indices rebalanced once a day based on probabilistic forecasts". There is a photograph of two men standing in front of a banner for the "KENANGA GLOBAL MULTI ASSET FUND". The banner also lists "An Artificial Intelligence Fund in Malaysia". To the right of the article is a "TRENDING DIGITALNEWSASIA" section with several article teasers, including "Technology, differentiation fuel Gogoprint's steady growth", "Ascend Money announces 50,000-strong agent network across SEA", "ColossusINNO2017 winner bags US\$100k", and "KDU annual Jingle Mingle event brings students and employers together".

The Sun Daily (18 December 2017) [Link](#)

The screenshot shows a news article on The Sun Daily website. The article title is "Kenanga launches Malaysia's first AI-leveraged investment fund". The byline is "Published on theSundaily (http://www.thesundaily.my)". The article is dated "Posted on 18 December 2017 - 10:11pm". The article includes a "Print" link and a "PETALING JAYA: Kenanga Investors Bhd has launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI) fund, Kenanga Global Multi Asset Fund, which is the first-of-its-kind in Malaysia." The article also mentions "The fund leverages on the breakthroughs in AI to identify profit opportunities from short-term predictive relationships in pricing and volume data. It then constructs portfolios with a focus on capital preservation based on forecasts of instruments' movements." and "It said in a statement that the fund aims to deliver absolute returns in any market condition by diversifying into global index futures with a long/short strategy." The article also includes a quote: "An example of this is the target fund's (TCM Global Index Fund (Cayman) Ltd) performance in 2016, it was able to profit from the various opportunities in asset mispricing to deliver a return of 23.2% compared to the S&P 500 benchmark of 12.0%," said Kenanga Investors executive director and CEO Ismitz Matthew De Alwis." The article also mentions "Kenanga Global Multi Asset Fund feeds into the TCM Global Index Fund, which is managed by Taaffeite Capital Management, LLC." and "The TCM Global Index Fund is an absolute return fund measured against a benchmark of 15% per annum over two to three years which profits from the daily movement of global equity and fixed income indices. Its underlying assets are a long/short basket of 25 liquid global indices rebalanced once a day based on probabilistic forecasts of how indices will move over the next 24 hours." The article also includes a "Source URL" and "Links" section.



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Sme.org.my (18 December 2017) [Link](#)

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The Malaysian Reserve (19 December 2017)

Kenanga Investors launches 1st AI feeder fund

by NUR HAZIQAH A MALEK

KENANGA Investors Bhd has launched the first artificial intelligence (AI) feeder fund in Malaysia, called Kenanga Global Multi-Asset Fund, which aims to deliver absolute returns in any market condition.

The AI fund feeds into the target fund, TCM Global Index Fund (Cayman) Ltd, which is managed by the Taaffeite Capital Management LLC.

The target fund is an absolute return fund measured against the 15% benchmark per year over two to three years, which profits from the global equity and fixed-income indices daily movement.

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Kenanga noted in a release yesterday.

TCM Global registered a near 10% return this year and

recorded a 23.2% return last year, ahead of the 12% return by the S&P 500 in 2016.

TCM Global has US\$20.32 million (RM83 million) worth of assets under management currently and has a track record of four years. The Cayman fund is not available for US investors.

The US-based Taaffeite was founded by Howard Siow and Dr Desmond Lun in 2013, and works to deliver scalable absolute returns that do not correspond with major asset classes and is consistent with market conditions.

To realise this, the firm built a machine-learning trading strategy through the fusion of AI and computational biology. Kenanga Investors CEO

and ED Ismitz Matthew De Alwis said the Kenanga Global Multi-Asset Fund aims to leverage on the AI breakthroughs to diversify into profit opportunities from predicted short-term relationships in volume and pricing data.

"The AI later constructs portfolios with a focus on capital preservation based on instruments' movements forecast," he noted in a press release yesterday.

He added that the fund provides investors with not only a wider asset class exposure, but is dynamically managed and has the flexibility to quickly adapt to movements in the market while managing downside risks.

The Sun (19 December 2017)

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Malay Mail (19 December 2017)

Kenanga Investors launches first artificial intelligence fund



Kenanga Investors executive director and chief executive officer (CEO) Ismitz Matthew De Alwis (right) and Taaffeite Capital Management LLC CEO Howard Slow at the launch of Kenanga Investors' first artificial intelligence fund, Kenanga Global Multi Asset Fund. This first-of-its-kind fund in Malaysia aims to deliver absolute returns in any market condition by diversifying into global index futures with a long/short strategy.

