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***The Edge and Thomson Reuters Announce  
The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010 Winners***

***The Edge-StarMine Malaysia Broker Rankings and The Edge-StarMine  
Malaysia Analyst Awards 2010 Winners Also Announced***

***Public Mutual and Kim Eng Research Are Big Winners***

**Kuala Lumpur, 23 February 2010** – The winners of the The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2010 were announced by *The Edge* and Thomson Reuters at a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur today.

Public Mutual Bhd was honoured once again with the Best Fund Group Overall award in addition to nine individual classification awards, making it the event's biggest winner, a feat it has maintained for several years now.

AmInvestment Services Bhd retained its award for the Best Bond Fund Group while Pacific Mutual Fund Bhd emerged the winner in the Best Equity Fund Group and the Best Mixed Assets Fund Group categories.

25 classification awards covering 13 eligible fund categories and four group awards were given out this year, including Islamic funds that topped their respective Lipper classifications.

The Edge-Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards are held annually to recognise top-performing unit trust funds in the country. This year's awards honour the best funds for the year ended 31 Dec 2009. Only funds that have done well for three years or more are recognised and winners are determined based on the Lipper Leader ratings for Consistent Return, a risk-adjusted investment performance return measure developed by Lipper.

Malaysia is one of the 23 countries and regions covered by Lipper's program of 2010 fund awards and are part of the Thomson Reuters Awards for Excellence, a global family of awards that celebrate exceptional performance throughout the professional investment community.

Ivan Ng, Lipper's Research Analyst for ASEAN at Thomson Reuters said: "Congratulations to all of the winners for achieving what could be argued is the ultimate in investment performance – delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The Lipper Fund

Awards are based on an exacting methodology and we are proud to recognise the best funds and fund groups in Malaysia for their achievements.”

In addition to recognising the top unit trust funds, the event also honoured the year’s top brokers and analysts in The Edge-StarMine Malaysia Broker Rankings and The Edge-StarMine Malaysia Analyst Awards. Both awards were introduced last year.

Kim Eng Research Sdn Bhd came out on top in two of the four categories of the StarMine Broker Rankings. The firm was ranked number one for earning estimates in the Malaysia Mid- and Small-Cap Stocks category and in the FTSE Bursa Malaysia 30 Index category.

Other winners include RHB Research Institute Sdn Bhd, OSK Research Sdn Bhd and KAF Seagroatt & Campbell Securities Sdn Bhd.

For the StarMine Analyst Awards, Norziana Mohd Inon from CIMB Investment Bank Bhd’s was ranked as Malaysia’s top analyst. Ahmad Maghur Usman of OSK Research Sdn Bhd and Annuar Aziz of Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd came in second and third respectively.

Greg Tarver, StarMine’s Broker Relations Director for Asia at Thomson Reuters said: “We are delighted to recognise the top-performing Malaysian analysts and brokers who have helped investors chase beta in 2009. Thomson Reuters is committed to working with sell-side firms in Malaysia to provide fair and rigorous tools to objectively measure analyst and research performance.”

Ho Kay Tat, Editor-in-Chief of *The Edge* said the publication will continue its partnership with Thomson Reuters in serving the public and the industry by identifying the top performing fund managers and analysts, in turn spurring healthy competition and accountability.

"When we started 11 years ago, there were fewer fund houses and fewer categories of awards. *The Edge* recognised then, as we do now, the importance of objective and transparent performance measurement to both investors and the industry. We were the first local publication to publish detailed fund performance tables, and went on to partner with Lipper to organise the first fund awards in the country to honour top funds based on consistent performance on a risk-adjusted basis."

"And starting last year, we expanded the event to include the StarMine Awards, which rank brokers and research analysts based on their success in stock recommendation and accuracy of their earnings estimates."



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**Notes to Editors**

1. In calculating the fund awards, Lipper considered all those funds registered for sale in Malaysia, including both domestic and offshore funds. Classification awards were given to funds with a 3, 5 and 10 year history as at the end of the evaluation year in equity, bond and mixed-asset Lipper Global Classifications with at least five distinct portfolios respectively. Additional classification awards were handed out to Islamic-flagged Syariah compliant funds within Lipper Global Classifications meeting the above mentioned criteria. Both classification and group fund awards were calculated using Lipper's Consistent Return scores. A more detailed Fund Awards Methodology can be found at [excellence.thomsonreuters.com/lipper](http://excellence.thomsonreuters.com/lipper).
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