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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ASNB DECLARES 6.00 SEN INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR  
AMANAH SAHAM WAWASAN 2020 (ASW 2020)**

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- Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) announces an income distribution of 6.00 sen a unit for its fixed price fund, Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020) for the financial year ending 31 August 2017. The total distribution of RM1.1 billion would benefit more than 870,000 unit holders who own over 18.8 billion units in ASW 2020.
- During the financial year under review, the fund expects a total gross income of RM1.38 billion, out of which profit from the sale of shares is expected to contribute RM718.7 million or 52.0%, and dividend income from investee companies to contribute RM459.8 million or 33.3% to the total gross income. The remaining RM203.5 million or 14.7% is derived from investments in sukuk/Islamic fixed deposits as well as interest income.
- All transactions for ASW 2020 have been suspended beginning 26 August 2017 until 3 September 2017 to facilitate the computation of income distribution. Unit holders will be able to check and update their accounts through ASNB's new portal [myasnb.com.my](http://myasnb.com.my) or at any ASNB branches or agents nationwide beginning 4 September 2017.

Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), announces an income distribution of 6.00 sen per unit for its fixed price fund, Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020) for the financial year ending 31 August 2017.

The income distribution will involve a total payment of RM1.1 billion, which would benefit more than 870,000 unit holders who currently own over 18.8 billion units of ASW 2020.

PNB Group Chairman, Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar said, "Despite the challenging market in the early part of the financial year, we are pleased that we are still able to deliver sustainable and competitive returns to the ASW 2020 unit holders."

During the start of the financial year, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) was adversely affected by a period of uncertainties arising from the outcome of the US Presidential Elections and an increase in the US Federal Reserve's policy rate in December 2016, which resulted in portfolio outflows from the equity and bond markets. This in turn had put a downward pressure on most major and regional currencies, including the Ringgit.

While the FBM KLCI recovered somewhat in early 2017, it only registered a 4.9% gain during the ASW 2020 financial year, to close at 1,760.03 points on 31 July 2017, from 1,678.06 on 31 August 2016.

He also added, "For the financial year ending 31 August 2017, ASW 2020 is expected to recognise a total gross income of RM1.38 billion, with profit from the sale of shares contributing RM718.7 million or 52.0%, and dividend income from investee companies contributing RM459.8 million or 33.3% to the total gross income. Meanwhile, the remaining RM203.5 million or 14.7% is derived from investments in sukuk/Islamic fixed deposits as well as interest income".

The calculation of income distribution is based on the average monthly minimum balance held throughout the financial year of ASW 2020. The income distribution, which will be reinvested automatically in the form of units, will be credited into unit holders' accounts on 1 September 2017.

Meanwhile, investors who participated in ASW 2020 through the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Members' Investment Scheme will have their income distribution credited directly into their respective EPF accounts.

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September 2017. The income distribution statement together with the fund's annual report will be sent to unit holders within two months after the income distribution of the fund.

In this respect, Tan Sri Wahid again encourages all unit holders to get connected on the online portal by visiting any ASNB branch to update their information and register their mobile phone numbers. "With the [myasnbn.com.my](http://myasnbn.com.my) portal, unit holders will be able to conveniently check their balances and make additional investments anytime and anywhere, via mobile phones or other digital devices," said Wahid.

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**About ASNB**

Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB). ASNB was established on 22 May 1979, to manage the Funds launched by PNB. ASNB now has a total of 12 Funds, including 6 fixed price funds namely Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB), Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW 2020), Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM), Amanah Saham Didik (ASD), Amanah Saham 1Malaysia (AS 1Malaysia), and Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) and 4 variable price funds which are Amanah Saham Nasional (ASN), Amanah Saham Nasional 2 (ASN 2), Amanah Saham Nasional 3 Iimbang (ASN 3) and Amanah Saham Gemilang (ASG). ASNB has 30 branches and 2,235 agents nationwide. To find out the locations of branches and agents, or other information about ASNB, please visit the official website [www.asnb.com.my](http://www.asnb.com.my).

**About ASW 2020**

ASW 2020 is a fixed price equity fund which aims to provide a reasonable level of regular distribution income to unit holders, from investments in a selected portfolio of authorised investments. Bumiputera investors can invest in 51% of the approved fund size, while the remaining 49% is for eligible Malaysian investors.

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