



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ASNB DECLARES INCOME DISTRIBUTION  
6.25 SEN PER UNIT FOR ASD & 3.10 SEN PER UNIT FOR ASN EQUITY 2**

- PNB announced today the income distribution for two of Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad's (ASNB) unit trust funds namely fixed price Amanah Saham Didik (ASD) and variable price ASN Equity 2 for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.
- More than 290,000 unit holders of ASD will receive 6.25 sen per unit, with the total income distribution payout amounting to RM360.7 million.
- Meanwhile, unit holders of ASN Equity 2 who currently number more than 29,000 will receive 3.10 sen per unit, with total income distribution payout of RM46.9 million. This translates into a dividend yield of 5.40%.
- All transactions for ASD and ASN Equity 2 have been suspended beginning 27 June 2018 until 30 June 2018 to facilitate the calculation of income distribution. Unit holders will be able to check and update their accounts through ASNB's portal [www.myasnb.com.my](http://www.myasnb.com.my) or at any ASNB branches or agents nationwide beginning 1 July 2018.

**Kuala Lumpur, 28 June 2018:** Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) today announced the income distribution for two of Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad's (ASNB) unit trust funds for the financial year ending 30 June 2018, namely the fixed price fund Amanah Saham Didik (ASD) and variable price fund ASN Equity 2.

**The income distribution for ASD unit holders is 6.25 sen per unit, while ASN Equity 2 unit holders will receive 3.10 sen per unit.**

ASD will be paying out a total of RM 360.7 million in income distribution to over 290,000 unit holders who currently hold 5.845 billion units. Launched in 2001, ASD is a fixed price fund which offers an investment opportunity with reasonable long-term growth and return for parents to fund their children's future education expenses. As at 31 May 2018, ASD recorded a net income of RM344.2 million for the first 11 months of its financial year.

Meanwhile, the income distribution for ASN Equity 2 involves a total payout of RM46.9 million, which will benefit over 29,000 unit holders with 1.512 billion units. This translates into

a distribution yield of 5.40%. As at 31 May 2018, ASN Equity 2 recorded a net realised income of RM45.58 million for the first 11 months of its financial year.

PNB Group Chairman, Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar said, “Despite the challenging market environment where Bursa Malaysia declined by 5.53% or 97.6 points the past one year, we are pleased that PNB is able to continue delivering competitive realised returns during the financial year for both funds, ASD & ASN Equity 2. We will continue to focus on the successful implementation of PNB’s STRIVE-15 Strategic Plan 2017-2022 to generate sustainable returns for our unit holders going forward”.

ASN Equity 2 is the new name for the fund previously known as ASN 2, following ASNB’s recent rebranding on 1 May 2018 of all variable price unit trust funds under its management. The rebranding exercise is part of the company’s aim to help investors better understand the objectives of each fund, thus enabling them to make better investment decisions based on their goals, tenures and risk tolerance.

The rebranding involves the classification of six variable price products of ASNB into three new categories namely Equity (ASN, ASN Equity 2 & ASN Equity 3), Mixed Assets Balanced (ASN Imbang 1 & ASN Imbang 2) and Mixed Assets Conservative (ASN Sara 1). Equity funds, which are targeted towards younger unit holders with higher risk tolerance, would have a predominantly equities-based portfolio. Meanwhile, Balanced funds are suitable for unit holders with moderate risk tolerance, with their investment portfolio based on a balanced mix of asset classes. Finally, Conservative funds are intended for unit holders approaching retirement age with lower risk tolerance where the funds’ portfolio aims to have a conservative mix of asset classes.

The calculation of the income distribution for ASD is based on the average minimum balance held throughout the fund’s financial year, while the calculation of the income distribution for ASN Equity 2 will be based on the units held and the Net Asset Value thereof as at 30 June 2018. The distribution declared by both funds will be re-invested as additional units into the accounts of unit holders and will be automatically credited into unit holders’ accounts on 1 July 2018.

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Meanwhile, the appointment of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad in January 2018 and Hong Leong Bank & Hong Leong Islamic Bank in April 2018 as agents of ASNB has significantly increased the number of ASNB agents to 10 institutions with a network of 2,590 branches nationwide, inclusive of 30 ASNB branches.

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**About Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB)**

Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) is Malaysia's leading fund management company with assets under management reaching RM280 billion. PNB's portfolio covers strategic investments in leading Malaysian corporates, global equity, private investments and real estate. For more information, please visit [www.pnb.com.my](http://www.pnb.com.my).

**Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB)**

Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) is a wholly-owned unit trust management company of PNB and currently manages 12 unit trust funds with total Units in Circulation of nearly 229 billion units and 13.4 million accounts. For more information, please visit [www.asnb.com.my](http://www.asnb.com.my).

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO UNIT HOLDERS**

- Effective 31 March 2018, income distribution statements, annual reports and interim reports of variable price funds are disseminated via electronic means.
- Income distribution statements are sent to unit holders' registered email address, while reports are accessible at the ASNB website: [www.asnb.com.my](http://www.asnb.com.my).
- Unit holders and registered guardians are encouraged to update their details at all ASNB Branches or Agents nationwide. Those who still prefer to receive a physical copy may write to ASNB by filling in the relevant form downloadable at the ASNB website.
- For further information, unit holders may refer to [www.asnb.com.my](http://www.asnb.com.my) or call the ASNB Hotline at 03-2057 3000.