

PRESS RELEASE

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### ASNB DECLARES RM1.55 BILLION TOTAL INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR ASB 2, ASM, ASN EQUITY 3, ASN IMBANG 2 AND ASN SARA 1

### Double-Digit Total Returns for ASN Equity 3, ASN Imbang 2 and ASN Sara 1

- Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), the wholly-owned unit trust management company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), today announced the income distribution for two fixed price funds, namely Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) and Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM), and three variable price funds, namely ASN Equity 3, ASN Imbang 2 and ASN Sara 1 for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.
- ASB 2 declared a total income distribution payout amounting to RM488.2 million benefitting 459,416 unit holders and ASM declared a total income distribution payout amounting to RM851.2 million benefitting 559,222 unit holders. The returns of 4.25 sen per unit for ASB 2 and 4.00 sen per unit for ASM exceed the benchmark return of 1.95% recorded by the Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit during the same period.
- ASN Equity 3, ASN Imbang 2 and ASN Sara 1 posted double-digit total returns of 18.7%, 17.0%, and 10.8% respectively, with ASN Equity 3 delivering a total income distribution payout of RM76.4 million which translates into 3.53 sen per unit and provides a dividend yield of 3.95%. ASN Imbang 2 delivered a total income distribution payout of RM45.4 million which translates into 3.11 sen per unit and a dividend yield of 3.35%, whilst ASN Sara 1's total income distribution payout amounted to RM91.8 million which translates into 3.52 sen per unit and a dividend yield of 3.15%.
- Transactions for the five funds have been temporarily suspended from 24 to 31 March 2021 to facilitate the computation of income distribution. Unit holders may check and update their accounts via myASNB portal at www.myasnb.com.my or via myASNB mobile application, or at any ASNB branches or its agents nationwide when transactions resume on 1 April 2021.

**Kuala Lumpur, 29 March 2021:** Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), the wholly-owned unit trust management company of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), today announced a total income distribution payout of RM1.55 billion for the financial year ending 31 March 2021 for five of its funds. These are two fixed price funds namely Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2) and Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM), together with three variable price funds which are ASN Equity 3, ASN Imbang 2 and ASN Sara 1.

### **ASNB Fixed Price Funds**

ASB 2 declared a total income distribution payout of RM488.2 million benefitting 459,416 unit holders who currently hold 11.5 billion units and ASM declared a total income distribution payout of RM851.2 million benefitting 559,222 unit holders who currently hold 21.3 billion units. As of 25 March 2021, ASB 2 recorded a net realised income of RM499.0 million, whilst ASM recorded a net realised income of RM727.6 million.

The performance of ASB 2 and ASM is benchmarked against the Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit. For the financial year ending 31 March 2021, ASB 2 and ASM recorded annual total returns of 4.25% and 4.00% respectively, compared to the 1.95% return of the Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit.

### **ASNB Variable Price Funds**

ASN Equity 3, ASN Imbang 2 and ASN Sara 1 registered double-digit total returns of 18.7%, 17.0%, and 10.8% respectively for the financial year ending 31 March 2021, driven largely by the recovery of the equity markets from the lows in the year 2020. These returns are benchmarked against the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index (FBM 100) and Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit, at a ratio customised to each fund.

During the same period, the FBM KLCI strengthened from 1,351 points to 1,598 points by 18.27% following improved sentiment with the rollout of the vaccination programme globally and the anticipated recovery of the global economy.

With these returns, ASNB declared a total income distribution payout of RM76.4 million for ASN Equity 3, which is equivalent to 3.53 sen per unit to 86,306 unit holders with 2.2 billion units. Meanwhile, ASN Imbang 2 declared a total income distribution payout of RM45.4 million, which is equivalent to 3.11 sen per unit to 85,147 unit holders with 1.5 billion units, and ASN Sara 1 declared a total income distribution payout of RM91.8 million, which is equivalent to 3.52 sen per unit to 85,776 unit holders with 2.6 billion units. These represent a dividend yield between 3.15%-3.95% for each fund based on its respective Net Asset Value (NAV) as of 25 March 2021.

The income distributions declared by these funds are derived from the funds' realised gains, dividends and other income. Income from international investment grew significantly with contributions between 40%-52% to each respective fund for the financial year to date, reflecting the positive impact of the diversification initiatives undertaken by these funds.

Given the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, PNB remains steadfast with its diversification strategies, by increasing investment into global markets and other asset classes such as real estate, private investments and fixed income instruments. PNB will continue to remain focused on the execution of its strategic plan in building a portfolio that is financially resilient and sustainable.

#### **Computation of Income Distribution and Suspension of Funds**

The computation of income distribution for ASB 2 and ASM is based on the average minimum monthly balance held throughout the financial year of each respective fund, while the computation of income distribution for ASN Equity 3, ASN Imbang 2 and ASN Sara 1 is based on the end-year balance held. The distribution declared by these funds will be reinvested as additional units into the accounts of unit holders and will be automatically credited into unit holders' accounts on 1 April 2021.

Transactions at all ASNB branches and agents for the five funds have been temporarily suspended from 24 to 31 March 2021 to facilitate the computation of income distribution. Unit holders may update their accounts at <u>www.myasnb.com.my</u> or via myASNB mobile application, or at any ASNB branches or its agents nationwide when transactions resume on 1 April 2021.

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#### About Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB)

Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) is one of the largest fund management companies in Malaysia with assets under management (AUM) exceeding RM300 billion. PNB's portfolio covers strategic investments in Malaysia's leading corporates, global equities, private investments and real estate. For more information, please visit www.pnb.com.my.

#### Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB)

Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) is the unit trust company of PNB with 33 branch offices and more than 2,700 agents' branches nationwide. ASNB currently manages 15 unit trust funds with more than 260 billion units in circulation (UIC) and 14.5 million accounts. For more information, please visit www.asnb.com.my or call the ASNB Customer Service Centre at 03-7730 8899.

#### **Fixed Price Funds**

A fixed price fund is a unit trust fund with a fixed valuation of RM1 per unit. Currently, there are 3 fixed price funds in each of Amanah Saham Bumiputera (for Bumiputera only) and Amanah Saham Malaysia (for all Malaysians) series. The total UIC for all 6 fixed price funds stands at 253.5 billion units with 12.9 million account holders.

#### Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 (ASB 2)

Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2 is a fixed price fund launched on 2 April 2014. It is a mixed-asset fund suitable for Bumiputera investors who understand investment risk and rewards, and are seeking a fund with a potential annual yield.

#### Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM)

Amanah Saham Malaysia is a fixed price fund launched on 20 April 2000. It is a mixed-asset fund suitable for investors who understand investment risk and reward, and expect to benefit from long-term growth of the fund through reinvestment of distribution (if any) as well as to receive regular income (if any) on their capital.

#### Variable Price Funds

A variable price fund is a unit trust fund with a floating valuation which is determined either by the historical or forward pricing method. Currently, ASNB manages 9 variable price funds which are divided into three series namely ASN Equity (for equity funds), ASN Imbang (for mixed-asset balanced funds), and ASN Sara (for mixed-asset conservative funds). The total UIC for all 9 variable price funds stands at 13.2 billion units with 1.6 million account holders.

#### **ASN Equity 3**

ASN Equity 3 is a variable price fund launched on 17 March 2003. It is a equity fund suitable for investors who understand investment risks and rewards, and are seeking capital growth over the long-term period in anticipation of the financial requirements of their medical expenses.

#### ASN Imbang 2

ASN Imbang 2 is a variable price fund launched on 17 March 2003. It is a mixed-asset balanced fund suitable for investors who understand investment risks and rewards, and are seeking capital growth over the long-term period to provide for the financial requirements of their children's education.

#### ASN Sara 1

ASN Sara 1 is a variable price fund launched on 17 March 2003. It is a mixed-asset conservative fund suitable for investors who understand investment risks and rewards, and are seeking capital growth over the long-term period as they prepare to fulfill the financial requirements of their retirement.

#### **Issued by Permodalan Nasional Berhad**

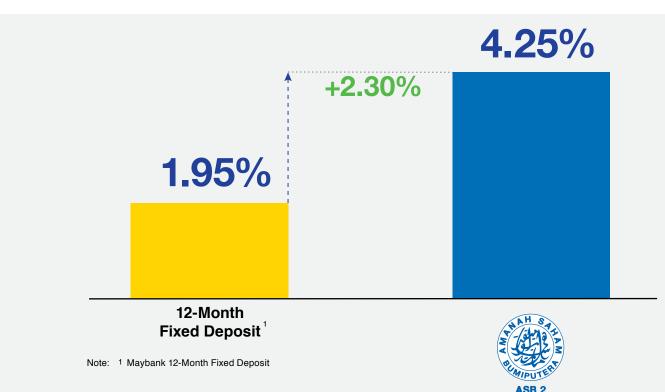


# **INCOME DISTRIBUTION** FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

## **AMANAH SAHAM BUMIPUTERA 2**



# **Income Distribution against Benchmark**



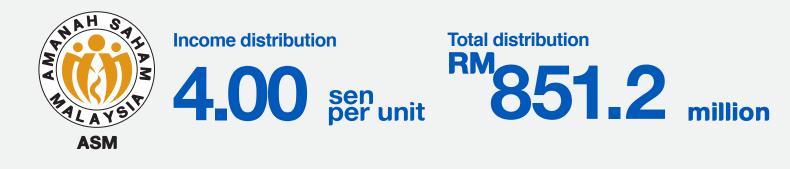
The Replacement Master Prospectus of ASNB dated 1 February 2020 ("Prospectus"), has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia. Please read and understand the content of the Prospectus together with the Product Highlights Sheets which are available at ASNB website, branches and agents. Units will be issued upon receipt of the registration form referred to and accompanying the Prospectus. Before investing, please consider the risks of investing as well as the fees and charges involved. Unit prices and distribution payable, if any, may go down as well as up. Past performance of a fund should not be taken as indicative of its future performance.

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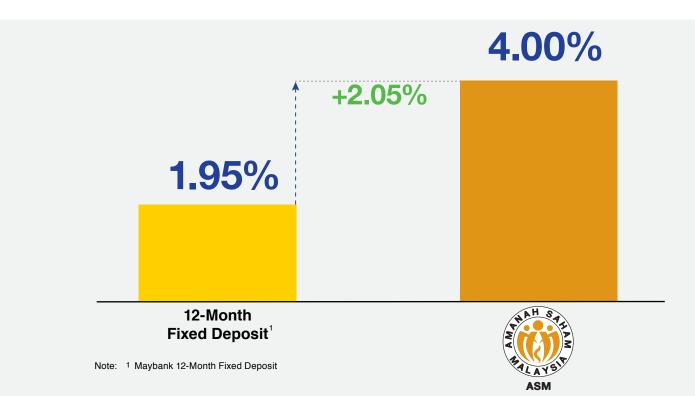


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## AMANAH SAHAM MALAYSIA



# **Income Distribution against Benchmark**



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### **VARIABLE PRICE FUNDS**



Dividend Yield 3.95%



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Note : All calculation of Total Return and Dividend Yield for each variable price funds are based on the latest Net Asset Value (NAV) as at 29 March 2021.

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