



PRESS RELEASE

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5.00 SEN INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR ASB *RM8.9 billion total payout benefitting 10.4 million unit holders*

- Permodalan Nasional Berhad's wholly-owned unit trust management company, Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB) today announced a total income distribution of 5.00 sen per unit for its flagship fund, Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB), for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 (FY2021).
- The total payout of RM8.9 billion comprises an income distribution of 4.25 sen per unit and a bonus of 0.75 sen per unit, benefitting 10.4 million unit holders.
- ASB managed to deliver a competitive spread against its benchmark of Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit rate which recorded a return rate of 1.85%.
- The encouraging performance was driven by the fund's ongoing diversification strategy which has generated strong performance from its global equity investments alongside a more subdued domestic equity market.
- ASB's Units in Circulation rose to 181.2 billion this year while the number of unit holders increased by 200,000 to 10.4 million, reflecting the continued trust by Malaysians.

Kuala Lumpur, 23 December 2021: Permodalan Nasional Berhad's wholly-owned unit trust management company, Amanah Saham Nasional Berhad (ASNB), today announced the income distribution for its flagship fund, Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB) for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 (FY2021).

ASNB announced a total income distribution of 5.00 sen per unit for its flagship ASB fund, comprising an income distribution of 4.25 sen per unit and a bonus of 0.75 sen per unit. The total income distribution amounts to RM8.9 billion and will benefit 10.4 million ASB unit holders. This brings the fund's total cumulative income distribution and bonus to RM168.5 billion since it was first introduced in 1990.

ASB recorded a positive performance against a backdrop of volatile financial markets, as well as a global economic recovery hindered by the emergence of new COVID-19 variants and the upsurge of new cases throughout the year.

The FBM KLCI recorded a -7.80% performance as at 22 December 2021. Regionally, the MSCI South East Asia index posted -5.16% while China's CSI 300 returned -5.70%. Major global indices fared better with the S&P 500 and the FTSE 100 charting returns of 25.0% and 13.6% respectively.

PNB Group Chairman, Tun Arifin Zakaria said, "We are pleased to see that our continuous efforts in diversifying and strengthening the portfolio have yielded positive results. The stronger performance of our global equity investments has managed to cushion the impact of the challenging domestic market. This exemplifies the importance of a well-diversified portfolio in managing portfolio risks and delivering sustainable returns."

ASB's allocation in international investments increased from 5.9% in 2020 to 8.2% this year. International public equities contributed 30.7% share to gross income in 2021 as compared to 24.2% last year.

"Alhamdulillah, the income distribution for ASB this year is competitive, a result of the hard work and dedication of our investment team. The total rate of five 5.00 sen per unit translates into a spread of 315 basis points over the 12-month Fixed Deposit rate which currently stands at 1.85%," Tun Arifin added.

ASB's number of accounts increased by almost 200,000 to 10.4 million accounts, whilst units in circulation rose by 7.4 billion or 4.3% to 181.2 billion units.

PNB President & Group Chief Executive, Ahmad Zulqarnain Onn said, "Despite the challenging environment, we are encouraged to see the growing number of Malaysians investing with us, as well as the increase in their size of investments. We are honoured by the continued and sustained trust by our unit holders and will strive to uphold PNB's mandate in delivering sustainable returns."

PNB has demonstrated its resilience in navigating the uncertainties of 2021, posting a commendable financial performance. For the first 11 months of the year, PNB's total Assets Under Management (AUM) increased by 4.9% to RM338.4 billion, reflecting the continued trust by its unit holders. Strengthening on its Focus 4 strategy, this year PNB made significant

progress in three focus areas namely creating value in the performance of its domestic portfolio, continuing its diversification efforts into global markets through multiple asset classes, and accelerating its digital offerings.

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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 Malaysian'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 32 branch offices and more than 2,700 agents' branches nationwide. ASNB currently manages 16 unit trust funds with a total of 270 billion units in circulation (UIC) and over 14 million accounts. For more information, please visit www.asnb.com.my or call the ASNB Customer Service Centre at Tel: 03-7730 8899.

Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB)

Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB) was launched by ASNB on 2 January 1990. Its investment objective is to generate long-term, consistent and competitive returns to the unit holders whilst ensuring the preservation of capital at minimal risk tolerance level.

Issued by Permodalan Nasional Berhad

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

FIXED PRICE FUND



ASB

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

5.00

sen per unit

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION

RM 8.9 BILLION

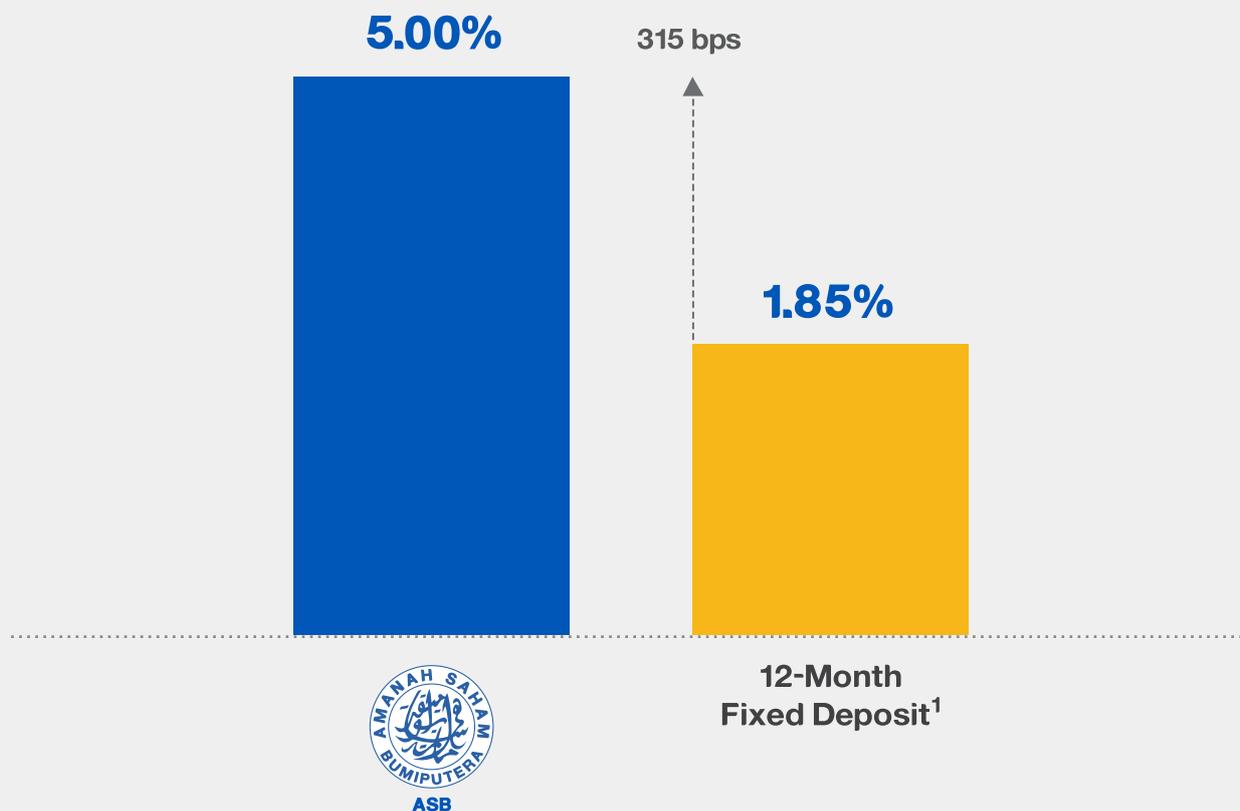
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FIXED PRICE FUND

**Outperforming Benchmark
by 3.15%**



Note:

¹ Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit Rate as at 20 December 2021

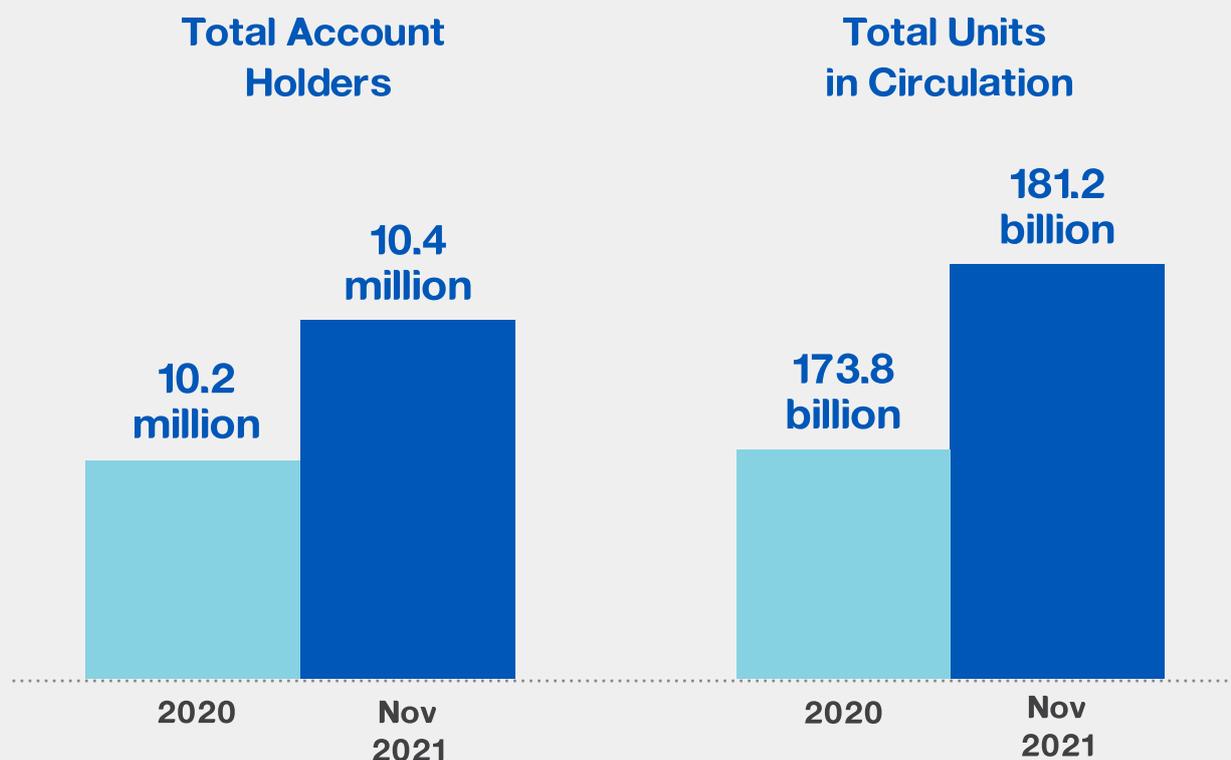
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Increased Account Holders and Unit Investments



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