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***Islamic Business & Finance* Southeast Asia Awards return to Kuala Lumpur**

The winners of the second *Islamic Business & Finance* Southeast Asia Awards were announced at a gala dinner held at the InterContinental Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Tuesday, 4 December 2018, attended by more than 60 Islamic bankers and financiers from around the region. A total of nearly 5,000 votes were cast across 28 voted-for categories in an online poll held on www.cpifinancial.net. Two categories, Best Islamic Bank and Fastest Growing Islamic Bank, were chosen based on analysis by CPI Financial.

In addition, an expert panel named Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, former Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award - Malaysia. Dr. Zeti was the Governor of Malaysia's central bank from 2000 to 2016, and is credited for her invaluable support for Islamic finance, helping to make Malaysia one of the leading markets for Islamic finance in the world.

The top Award, for Best Islamic Bank, went to Maybank Islamic. Maybank Islamic also took home the Awards for Best Digital Bank, Best Retail Bank – Malaysia, and Best Investment Product.

The *Islamic Business & Finance* Awards programme, supported by the Dubai International Financial Centre, honours winners from across the industry, encourage and reward the exceptional performance and growth of the international Islamic business and finance community.

"*Islamic Business & Finance* was proud to bring our esteemed Awards programme to Southeast Asia for the second year, in order to celebrate the excellence that is found across the Islamic finance sector in Malaysia, Indonesia, and the broader region. Our Awards, as always, are a reflection of how the industry views the institutions leading the way through innovation and dedication to the true values of Islamic finance. Though 2018 was a challenging year both in the region and across the world, these institutions continue to shine a bright light forward. As technology continues to transform the industry, we are excited to see what the Southeast Asian Islamic finance community accomplishes in 2019," said William Mullally, Editor, *Islamic Business & Finance*.

Best Islamic Bank

Fastest Growing Islamic Bank

Best Digital Bank

Best Corporate Bank

Best Commercial Bank - Malaysia

Best Commercial Bank - Indonesia

Maybank Islamic

CIMB Islamic

Maybank Islamic

RHB Islamic

OCBC Al-Amin

Bank BNI Syariah



Best Retail Bank - Malaysia	Maybank Islamic
Best Retail Bank - Indonesia	Bank Rakyat Indonesia Syariah
Best SME Bank	Bank Rakyat
Best Investment Bank	CIMB Islamic
Best Investment Product	Maybank Islamic
Best Asset Manager	CIMB-Principal Islamic Asset Management
Best Ratings Agency	RAM Rating Services
Best Syariah Advisory Service	Amanie Advisors
Best Sustainability	Bank Islam
Best Law Firm	Shook Lin & Bok
Best Islamic Fintech Company	Eiger Trading Advisors
Best Training Institute	INCEIF
Best Family Takaful	AmMetLife Takaful Berhad
Best General Takaful	Prudential BSN Takaful
Best Takaful Operator - Malaysia	Etiqa
Best Takaful Operator - Indonesia	Takaful Indonesia
Best BancaTakaful Operator	Prudential BSN Takaful
Best ReTakaful Operator	Munich RE
Best Sukuk Arranger	CIMB Islamic
Best ESG Investment Initiative	Saturna
Best Retail Banking Product	KFH Malaysia
Best CSR in Islamic Banking	KFH Malaysia
Best Islamic Banking Website	KFH Malaysia
Innovation in Digital Banking	Standard Chartered Saadiq
Lifetime Achievement Award – Malaysia	Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Former Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia