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## **FundsUPERMART.COM Recommended Unit Trusts Awards**

### **2013/14, 90% Upside for China Stocks by End 2015**

*Petaling Jaya, 4 July 2013* – FundsUPERMART.COM (FSM) held its annual Recommended Unit Trusts Awards to honour the unit trusts which have made it to FSM's Recommended Unit Trusts Report for the 2013/14 period. This year, 26 unit trusts from fund houses including AmInvestment Services Berhad, OSK-UOB Investment Management Berhad, Eastspring Investments Berhad, Hwang Investment Management Berhad and Kenanga Investors Berhad have made it to the Report (see appendix for full list).

The funds are evaluated in areas such as Performance, Expense Ratio, Risk and also other qualitative factors. "These areas are what we believe a good fund should excel in. Only funds with exemplary track records in these areas make it to our Recommended Unit Trusts Report," says Ho Hee Keong, Research Analyst at FSM.

Presenting on FSM's outlook for the remainder of 2013, Hee Keong shares, "We continue to favour equities vis-à-vis bonds, Global Emerging Markets over the developed equity markets, while preferring better investment opportunities found in equity markets of North Asia vis-à-vis the more expensive South East Asian markets. This is because aside from these markets' earnings growth and dividend yield, we believe that the valuation multiple-expansion should play a key role in allowing these markets to deliver outsized returns over the next three years." The equity markets of North Asia that FSM favours include Greater China and South Korea.

Ho Hee arrived at a 11,196.9 point target for the Hang Seng Mainland 100 index by end 2015, which represents an upside of around 90% as of 2 July 2013 based on a fair 13.0X Price/Earnings multiple. The Seoul Composite Index is targeted to arrive 3286.6 points by end 2015, which represents an upside of around 77.2% as of 2 July 2013 based on a fair 12.5X Price/Earnings multiple.

As for the bond market, Hee Keong thinks that high-yield bonds can still provide investors with a

reasonable return, owing to their lower interest rate sensitivity and positive correlation with an improving global economy.

On the recent bout of worries over the Federal Reserve’s intention to “taper” asset purchases which could result in higher bond yields going forward, Hee Keong opines that the Federal Reserve’s intention comes on the strength of the US economy, which should continue to be positive for equities and riskier bonds. He further added that equities have historically done well in periods of rising bond yields, especially on the back of a strengthening economy.

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**APPENDIX**

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**CORE PORTFOLIO - EQUITY**

Category	Recommended Unit Trust
Core Equity - Global	Alliance Global Equities Fund
	Pacific Global Stars Fund
Core Equity - Global Emerging Markets	Eastspring Investments Global Emerging
Core Equity - Asia ex-Japan	AmAsia Pacific Equity Income
	Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Opportunity Fund
Core Equity - Asia ex-Japan (Islamic)	Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific Shariah
	Pheim Asia Ex-Japan Islamic Fund
Core Equity - Malaysia	AMB Dividend Trust Fund
	Kenanga Growth Fund
Core Equity - Malaysia (Islamic)	Hwang AIIMAN Growth Fund
	Kenanga Syariah Growth Fund

**CORE PORTFOLIO - BOND**

Category	Recommended Unit Trust
Bond - Malaysia	AmBond
	KAF Bond Fund
Bond - Malaysia (Islamic)	AmBon Islam
	Hwang AIIMAN Income Plus Fund

**CORE PORTFOLIO - BALANCED**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Recommended Unit Trust</b>
Balanced - Global	RHB Global Multi Manager Fund
Balanced - Asia ex-Japan	Pheim Emerging Companies Balanced Fund
Balanced - Malaysia	Hwang Select Balanced Fund
	OSK-UOB KidSave Trust
Balanced - Malaysia (Islamic)	Eastspring Investments Dana Dinamik

**SUPPLEMENTARY PORTFOLIO - REGIONAL**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Recommended Unit Trust</b>
Sub Regional Equity - BRIC	RHB-GS BRIC Equity Fund
Sub Regional Equity - Greater China	Eastspring Investments Dinasti Equity Fund

**SUPPLEMENTARY PORTFOLIO - SECTOR**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Recommended Unit Trust</b>
Sector Equity - Global Resources	AmCommodities Equity
Sector Equity - Asia ex-Japan Small to Medium	Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund
Sector Equity - Malaysia Small to Medium	OSK-UOB Emerging Opportunity Unit Trust
Sector Balanced - Malaysia Small to Medium	OSK-UOB Smart Balanced Fund