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FundsUPERMART.COM Unit Trust Investment Fair: What & Where to Invest 2012, China Poised To Deliver Strong Returns, Indonesia Set to be the Laggard in 2012

Kuala Lumpur, 14 January 2012 – FundsUPERMART.COM Malaysia (FSM) held its annual flagship event, Unit Trust Investment Fair: What & Where to Invest 2012 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre today. At the first unit trust investment fair ever held in Malaysia, 12 prominent fund houses showcased their unit trust products, while 6 speakers provided investment insights on various investment topics and outlook for the year.

Eddy Wong, Research Manager at FSM, believes that Global Emerging Market equities will continue to be a powerful growth engine going into 2012, with the region's growth expected to be stronger than developed nations. On the other hand, Europe is FSM's least favoured equity region. "Europe is troubled by its debt crisis that has not been quelled for the past three years and given that the situation remains fluid, we anticipate significant volatility in European stocks and expect a mild recession in the Eurozone," says Eddy.

China is FSM's top market pick for 2012. Eddy explains, "China equity market has been delivering poor returns over the past two years, making China one of the worst performing equity markets in both 2010 and 2011. However, valuations for China equities are extremely supportive and we believe that China will see a strong rally as corporate earnings are poised to reach all-time highs by 2013. Coupled with a shift towards a more accommodative monetary policy as well as consumption as a key driver, we believe China equities are poised to deliver extremely strong returns in 2012."

Although Indonesia was one of the best performing equity markets for three consecutive years from 2009 to 2011, Eddy believes that Indonesia could be one of the worst performing equity markets in 2012. "The valuations for Indonesian equities are fair at best given its strong performance for the past three years. Furthermore, the country has limited upside potential by end-2013 as compared to other markets under our coverage," explains Eddy. Eddy believes that these factors are setting Indonesia to be the laggard in 2012.

As for the bond market, Eddy remains bullish on high-yield and emerging markets bonds for 2012.

Also, Eddy believes that investor sentiment is set to improve in 2012 as corporate earnings and economic growth continue to persist in 2012. Eddy suggests investors to overweight equities versus bonds in 2012, a view which FSM has held since 2009 as he finds substantial value in most equity markets under coverage, while only selected segments of the bond market offer healthy long-term returns at present.

Backed by FSM's in-house research, the star ratings methodology is used to rank the attractiveness of markets. Below are FSM's star ratings for various markets going into 2012:

Regional Markets	Star Rating	Rating Change
Asia ex-Japan	5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Emerging Markets	5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
US	4 "Attractive"	Upgraded
Europe	3 "Attractive"	Downgraded
Japan	3 "Attractive"	Unchanged
Single Country / Sector	Star Rating	Rating Change
China	5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Hong Kong	5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Korea	5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Taiwan	5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Brazil	4.5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Singapore	4.5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Technology	4.5 "Very Attractive"	Upgraded
Australia	4 "Attractive"	Upgraded
India	4 "Attractive"	Upgraded
Russia	4 "Attractive"	Unchanged
Thailand	3 "Attractive"	Unchanged
Malaysia	3 "Attractive"	Unchanged
Indonesia	2.5 "Neutral"	Unchanged

What & Where to Invest is Fundsupermart.com's annual flagship event and has always featured 4 industry experts talking about equity and bond markets, portfolio construction as well as ground activities held by fund houses and Fundsupermart.com.

However, FSM has decided to take it to the next level this year as the unit trust investment fair will provide a good opportunity for investors to meet fund experts in one single place and to discover the various types of unit trusts that can match their objectives, risk appetites and time horizons.

The other 5 speakers apart from Eddy who presented at FSM's event include:

- Mr Lim Tze Cheng, Portfolio Manager of UOB-OSK Asset Management Berhad
- Mr Scott Lim, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of MIDF Amanah Asset Management Berhad
- Mr Gerard Teo, Head of Currency and Strategy of Fullerton Fund Management Company Limited (Representing Alliance Investment Management Berhad)
- Mr Chen Fan Fai, Director of Investment of Kenanga Investors Berhad
- Ms Adeline Lua, Director, Investment Services & Wealth Management of Prudential Fund Management Berhad

Presenting on the domestic consumption of emerging economies in Asia Pacific, Mr Lim Tze Cheng look at the beneficiaries that drive domestic consumption and how investors can benefit from this trend.

Mr Scott Lim shared with investors what is in store in 2012 and some of the challenges that are set to happen.

Mr Gerard Teo shared on global macro and investment outlook as well as opportunities that investors can take advantage of.

Mr Chen Fan Fai presented on some of the mental biases or pitfalls that investors encounter when it comes to investing and suggest strategies to eliminate them.

Ms Adeline Lua presented on the prospects, opportunities and risks of investing in China.