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BPAM LAUNCHED THE FIRST RINGGIT SECTORIAL BOND INDEX SERIES

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 October 2022 – Bond Pricing Agency Malaysia Sdn Bhd (BPAM) announced the release of its first Ringgit denominated BPAM Sectorial Bond Index series to the Malaysian bond and sukuk market.

Being the first of its kind in the country, the BPAM Sectorial Bond Index covers Malaysia Ringgit denominated, long term rated and unrated conventional bonds and sukuk for 14 main sectors based on BPAM's revamped sector classifications.

The BPAM new sector classifications have been meticulously aggregated and validated from an extensive range of sources including key market stakeholders. They have since been released on BPAM's service distribution platform, BondStream.

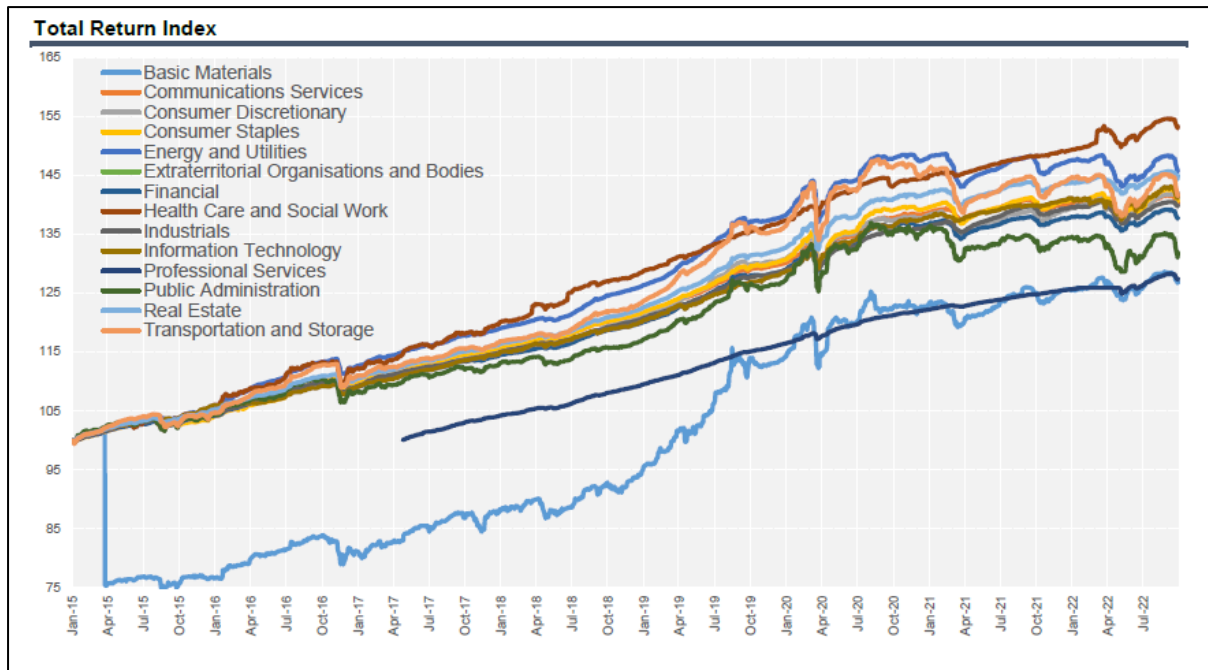
"We embarked on the journey of transforming our sector classifications and the BPAM Sectorial Bond Index is the first of many products (in the pipeline) made possible due to this exercise. With the existence of an industry-based index as a benchmarking reference point, it allows investors to diversify their portfolios and seek hidden opportunities based on the distinct performances of these industries," said En. Meor Amri Meor Ayob, BPAM's Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director.

"The creation of the BPAM Sectorial Bond Index Series is consistent with market demands for sector benchmarking and performance tracking. Covering both rated and unrated Ringgit bonds and sukuk, the BPAM Sectorial Bond Index encapsulates the whole of the Malaysian fixed income market through sector specific, granular and verifiable data," shared Ms. Noor Bazlina Sharifmuddin, Head of Financial Engineering and Research of BPAM.

The BPAM Sectorial Bond Index is backfilled to 2 January 2015 and calculated every business day based on BPAM's evaluated prices. As of 30 September 2022, the series monitors a total of 1,647 rated and unrated bonds with market capitalization of MYR 1,546.35 billion.

The BPAM Sectorial Bond Index is now available to all BPAM subscribers via BondStream and soon to be released to the retail market via EBPAM, the e-commerce gateway to BPAM's vast bond database.

Below is the BPAM Sectorial Bond Index – Total Return chart as at 30 September 2022.



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