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INVESTMENT BANKING  
ASSOCIATION**

*Persatuan Perbankan Pelaburan Malaysia*



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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Forty-Seventh (47th) Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Investment Banking Association (Persatuan Perbankan Pelaburan Malaysia) (Association) will be held at 11.00 am on Monday, 12 June 2023, at the Conference Room, Malaysian Investment Banking Association, 8th Floor, Bangunan AICB, No. 10 Jalan Dato' Onn, 50480 Kuala Lumpur:

### **AGENDA**

1. To receive and adopt the Report of the Council and Audited Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2022.
2. To elect the office bearers for the year 2023/2024.
3. To elect the Members of the Committees of the Association for the year 2023/2024.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 2023.

By Order of the Council

**Pauline Wong**  
Executive Director

30 May 2023

## Members of the Association

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# The Council of the Association

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**Ms Lee Jim Leng**

Group Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer

## DEPUTY CHAIRMAN BANK

**Maybank Investment Bank Berhad**

**Dato' Fad'l Mohamed**

Chief Executive Officer

## TREASURER BANK

**AmInvestment Bank Berhad**

**Mr Ho Weng Yew**

Executive Vice President/Head, Corporate Finance

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Full-Fledged Members

**Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad**

**Mr Ng Meng Wah (since October 2022)**

Managing Director

*Alternate:*

Mr Andy Ong Teng Chong

Head, Equity Markets

**AmInvestment Bank Berhad**

**Madam Tracy Chen Wee Keng**

Chief Executive Officer

**CIMB Investment Bank Berhad**

**Encik Jefferi Mahmud Hashim**

Chief Executive Officer

*Alternate:*

Puan Nor Masliza Sulaiman

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad**

*Alternate:*

Mr Kwek Kon Chao

Chief Operating Officer, Stockbroking

**KAF Investment Bank Berhad**

**Encik Rohaizad Ismail**

Chief Executive Officer

*Alternate:*

Mr Michael Ho

Director, Corporate Finance

**Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad**

**Datuk Chay Wai Leong**

Group Managing Director

*Alternate:*

Datuk Roslan Haji Tik

Executive Director, Head of Group Investment Banking & Islamic Banking

**Maybank Investment Bank Berhad**

*Alternate:*

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Chief Financial Officer

**MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Berhad**

**Dato' Charon Wardini Mokhzani**

Group Managing Director

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Datuk Joseph Dominic Silva

Chief Executive Officer

**Public Investment Bank Berhad**

**Mr Lee Yo-Hunn**

Chief Executive Officer

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Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Head, Dealing

**RHB Investment Bank Berhad**

**Mr Ganesh Sabaratnam**

Managing Director

*Alternate:*

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Head of Group Capital Markets & Advisory

### Associate Members

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Head of Corporate Finance

*Alternate:*

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Associate Director, Corporate Finance

**Mercury Securities Sendirian Berhad**

**Mr Chew Sing Guan**

Managing Director

*Alternate:*

Mr Woon See Soon

Senior General Manager

### Retired Council Members

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**Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad**

Mr Michael Ng (December 2022)

**Alliance Investment Bank Berhad**

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### Accountant

Public Business Consultant Sdn Bhd (469640-M)

### Auditors

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Chartered Accountant

### Bankers

AmBank Berhad  
Hong Leong Bank Berhad  
Public Bank Berhad  
Malayan Banking Berhad

## Chairman's Statement



*Ms Lee Jim Leng, Chairman*

Amid a global slowdown, the Malaysian economy performed exceptionally well in 2022, driven by resilient domestic demand and reinforced by robust external demand. Outperforming expectations, Malaysia leveraged on its strong economic fundamentals to record a GDP growth of 8.7%, the best performance since year 2000.

The easing of restrictions earlier in the year and the re-opening of borders on 1 April 2022 contributed significantly towards the recovery of businesses and boosted economic activity. The Government's swift policy responses and pandemic recovery measures had helped to weather the storm and ensured that the Malaysian economy return on stronger footing and remain on the right trajectory.

There is ample liquidity in the system and our reserves are high with surpluses. Malaysia's international reserves amounted to RM501.72 billion as at 30 December 2022. Net foreign direct investment increased to RM73.3 billion in 2022 from RM48.1 billion in 2021.

Unfortunately, due to global market volatility and persistent headwinds, the FBMKLCI ended the year on a weaker note at 1,495.49 points, a decline of 4.6% from 2021 with market capitalisation moderating down to RM1.74 trillion (2021: RM1.79 trillion).

The banking system however remained sturdy with well capitalized banking institutions that were able to function efficiently to support the expansion in economic activities during the year. Malaysia's banking sector had demonstrated the capability to provide the necessary support, with banks stepping in to offer important relief to households and businesses during the pandemic, which had in turn helped cushioned the economic shock from lockdowns.

Our resilient capital market also continued to be an important source of financing for businesses, projects and infrastructure developments. Total funds raised in the capital market for 2022 amounted to RM179.4 billion. RM26 billion was raised via the equity market with the bulk of the funds, RM153.3 billion via corporate bond issuances.

There were 35 new companies listed on Bursa Malaysia via Initial Public Offerings (IPO) last year, 5 on the Main Market, 25 on the ACE Market and 5 on the Leading Entrepreneur Accelerator Platform (LEAP) Market. With a total of 47 listings thus far, the progress of the LEAP Market, which was launched in mid-2017 to offer alternative fundraising option for small medium enterprises, has been encouraging. As at end-December 2022, the number of companies listed on the Exchange stood at 991.

Malaysia continues to spearhead the international sukuk market, commanding 40.3% market share of global sukuk outstanding and 43.3% share of global sukuk issued last year. A majority of global corporate sukuk were also issued in Malaysia. The Malaysian Islamic capital market was valued at RM2.32 trillion in 2022, 64% of Malaysia's overall RM3.6 trillion capital market.



Being a major contributor to our country's economic and social development, Islamic finance remains a top priority. Malaysia continues to actively promote Islamic finance as well as pursue strategies domestically and internationally to further the development of the Islamic capital market. On 5 October 2022, Bank Negara Malaysia and the Securities Commission announced the establishment of the Malaysia International Islamic Financial Centre (MIFC) Leadership Council, a joint initiative that will serve as a platform to provide thought leadership in enhancing Malaysia's position as an international gateway for Islamic finance.

### Key Capital Market Measures

To further enhance the competitiveness of the capital market and strengthen Malaysia's appeal as a destination for investment and fund raising, several key measures were undertaken during the year.

Bursa Malaysia launched the Public Listed Companies (PLC) Transformation Programme on 2 March to help guide PLCs to improve company practices, performance and value through information sharing, enhanced engagement and greater transparency.

As part of the continuation of its climate and sustainability agenda to push corporate transition to a greener future, the Securities Commission issued the Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI)-Linked Sukuk Framework on 30 June. This addresses sustainability concerns with features related to sukuk issuer's sustainability performance commitments. It also facilitates companies' transition into a low carbon or net-zero economy and meets the increasing global demand for sustainable financing.

To reinforce the capital market's role in accelerating the nation's sustainability goals, a Principles-Based SRI Taxonomy for the Malaysian Capital Market was introduced in December, to provide universal guiding principles for the classification of economic activities that qualify for sustainable investment.

Two new environmental, social and governance (ESG) themed indices under the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Index Series were also launched in August to cater to the evolving investors' demand for low carbon and climate risk index.

It is evident that businesses must embrace transition to be sustainable and keep pace with the global shift towards net-zero. Greenhouse gas emissions will have an influence on the marketability of businesses as tighter regulations and requirements implemented by certain economies will have an impact across the supply chain locally and internationally. This will weigh on trade competitiveness among trading partners of nations across the world, including Malaysia.

As a country, Malaysia has committed to the target of reaching net-zero emissions as early as 2050. The financial institutions as intermediaries can play a catalytic and proactive part to work with and support businesses in managing their transition that will move us closer to our climate goals.

We have already developed an encouraging track record in the sustainable finance space, as evident from the sovereign and corporate sustainability sukuk issuances to finance green and social-related projects. The number of approved SRI funds has grown from 2 when it was first launched in 2018, to 56 funds as of June 2022. The FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index initiated in 2014 recognises PLCs with good practices, and the number of constituents has more than tripled since its inception.

To support the continued growth of the capital market, the Government had in the re-tabled Budget 2023, announced several tax incentives such as extending the tax deduction of up to RM1.5 million on listing expenses on the ACE and LEAP Markets until the year of assessment 2025. The tax deduction is also expanded to include the cost of listing technology-based companies on Bursa Malaysia's Main Market. Tax deduction will also be given on the cost of issuing SRI-linked sukuk.

Further, to encourage the listing of local high growth technology companies, issuance of dual-class shares will be allowed, giving investors access to more diversified investment opportunities.

At the Invest Malaysia 2023 recently held in Kuala Lumpur, the Prime Minister had announced more new measures that will be implemented to further stimulate vibrancy in the capital market. This includes the LEAP Market Transfer Framework to facilitate companies to migrate from the LEAP Market to the ACE Market. Additionally, Bursa Malaysia will also introduce a new Recognised Approved Adviser Framework that will expand the pool of advisers for the ACE Market.

The Government and financial regulators have continuously introduced measures to further increase the dynamism of our capital market. With these latest developments benefiting all participants, the pace is set for our market to enter into yet another exciting phase.

### Addressing Talent Issues and Enhancing Capabilities

Human capital development is pivotal in order to advance forward in the ever-changing financial landscape. Talents are not only crucial assets to productivity and performance, but the success of businesses greatly depend on having highly skilled and talented workforce. There is also the need for adaptability in overcoming challenges especially with complex and multifaceted issues arising from technology, sustainability and other structural shifts that will continue to reconfigure our economy.

To invest in future talent, the Securities Commission entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Higher Education on 10 April 2023, to jointly develop the Capital Market Graduate Programme (CMGP), a 3-year programme that aims to improve the knowledge and employability of 9,000 university graduates. The CMGP is expected to address the shortage of skilled manpower in the capital market industry. This initiative is important to help attract and nurture the right talent and ensure the availability of a sufficient pool of skilled professionals needed to drive productivity and growth in the capital market.

As one of the industry stakeholders, MIBA is a member of the CMGP Steering Committee as well as its Implementation Committee in this capacity building agenda for the industry. Greater collaboration between market players and the education sector is important to facilitate better workforce planning and to bring talent development to the next level.

At MIBA, we continue to emphasize the importance in continuous professional education in order to enhance the knowledge base and capabilities of our members. In supporting professional growth, MIBA in collaboration with regulators, industry partners and subject matter experts, continued to deliver learning and development programmes throughout the year to keep market participants abreast on the latest industry issues, trends, outlook and best practices.

Further, to help members better understand sustainable finance which has gained traction around the world, nearly half of the programmes organised by MIBA last year were either on ESG or sustainability focused programmes. Sustainable development and climate strategies are key areas that will be integrated into financial institutions' business and risk decisions going forward.

### Market Outlook 2023

This year presents a more challenging outlook to the global economy with ongoing geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, persistently high inflation and monetary policy tightening by major central banks.

Amid the continuing global recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, a banking crisis in US and Europe erupted around March and sent shockwaves through the world markets. The turmoil in banking stocks triggered a drop in yields for US Treasuries and Eurozone bonds, and central banks responded with measures to ensure that financial transactions continued as normal. Whilst policymakers stressed that this was different from the 2008 financial crisis and the impact will be contained, the crisis has exposed unresolved banking vulnerabilities and concerns over potentially more banking instability could dampen global economic growth at a critical time.

As Malaysia will certainly not be insulated from some of these headwinds, our regulatory authorities will continue to closely monitor the global market conditions to ensure that any adverse impact from those challenges would be minimised.

Malaysia's GDP is projected to expand approximately 4.5% in 2023. Growth will continue to be steered by domestic demand with private sector to remain as anchor as well as measures under the various national plans including the Budget 2023, National Policy on Industry 4.0, and the development expenditure under the Twelfth Malaysia Plan, 2021 – 2025.

Efforts will be intensified to spur the national economy and sustain post pandemic recovery momentum by improving labour productivity, facilitating wider adoption of digitalisation, and ensuring better opportunities for businesses. Initiatives will be implemented to encourage businesses to adopt ESG practices and undertake more green investments thus increasing our competitiveness and position Malaysia as the preferred destination for high-value investment.

Key strategies have been laid down under the Capital Market Masterplan 2021 – 2025 and Financial Sector Blueprint 2022 – 2026, which outline the visions for the development of our financial sector to enhance its resilience and dynamism in tandem with the evolving economic and financial landscape while safeguarding financial stability and integrity.

### Closing Remarks

As investment banks and capital market intermediaries, we will continue to play a prominent role in the capital market supporting domestic economic activities. Not only must we preserve Malaysia's strong fundamentals that have been built but to remain resilient, to changes in global trends due to technological advancements and climate change, it is important for us to be agile and to continuously innovate in facing emerging challenges.

Malaysia has weathered many storms in the past. With the Government's continued efforts in providing the necessary infrastructure and an enabling environment for the financial sector, we are confident that we will be able to play our part effectively to support the country's aspirations.

MIBA is grateful and appreciative for the support and assistance of the Government and its agencies, particularly the Ministry of Finance, Bank Negara Malaysia, the Securities Commission and Bursa Malaysia. We look forward to our continued close cooperation and bilateral dialogues with the regulatory authorities in developing a more vibrant capital market for the next phase of growth.

I would like to thank the members of the Council, the various appointed Committees and members of the Association for their continuous support, dedication and active participation towards MIBA's objectives and activities during the year.

I would also like to record the Council's appreciation to Puan Mona Suraya Kamaruddin of Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad and Mr Michael Ng Chow Hon of Alliance Investment Bank Berhad, for their contribution during their tenure as representatives of their institutions on MIBA's Council and wish them the very best in their new endeavours.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff of MIBA for their continued commitment and dedication in performing their duties and responsibilities in the past year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop on the left and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Ms Lee Jim Leng**  
Chairman

30 May 2023

# Report of the Council

The Council is pleased to present its report of the year ended 31 December 2022.

## 1. MINISTRY OF FINANCE BUDGET 2023 DIALOGUE

This year, Malaysia was on track in the reviving of its economy with encouraging economic performance mainly supported by firm domestic demand amid continued improvements in the labour market. Following the measures undertaken by the Government to rebuild the economy amid the transition to the COVID-19 endemic phase, market sentiment remained positive at the end of 2022.

Budget 2023, which focused on economic recovery and fiscal responsibility, aimed at strengthening the foundation to drive the nation's socioeconomic development. In formulating the Budget, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) invited stakeholders to submit a memorandum with issues and recommendations and held a series of dialogue with leaders of all federal ministries and state governments as well as representatives from various industry groups, to refine input and recommendations for the Budget.

As one of the key stakeholders of the Malaysian capital market, MIBA submitted a memorandum outlining the following recommendations that focused on deepening access to financing, implementing a sound debt management strategy and supporting private sector development that would support efficient capital allocation and allow for better risk sharing, for MOF's consideration :

- Establishing a grant that can be utilised on offering a higher salary to new entrants into Corporate Finance (CF) or experienced licensed CF personnel, in order to address the lack of talent issue within the CF fraternity.
- Extension of tax deduction beyond 2025 for issuance cost and further deduction on additional issuance cost of Sukuk under the principle of Wakalah, to encourage issuers to choose Sukuk as the choice of instruments to raise funds in the capital market and to increase participation from international investors based in Malaysia who has a more stringent assessment to participate in the issuance.
- Promoting Sustainability-Linked issuances towards achieving the Government's commitment within the 12 Malaysia Plan, of becoming low-carbon nation through :
  - ▶ Inclusion of Sustainability-Linked Bonds/Sukuk to the current available funds in the Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Sukuk and Bond Grant Scheme and expand its claim eligibility; and
  - ▶ Extension of tax deduction for expenditure incurred by issuers on the issuance or offering of Sustainability-Linked Bonds/Sukuk which are due to expire in YA2023.
  - ▶ Collaboration between the industry and the regulators to address issues on increased self-proclaimed and unlicensed investment advisers, as well as platforms to ensure retail investors sentiment and confidence were not affected by misleading advice shared by these unlicensed investment advisers.

On 7 October 2022, YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of Finance Malaysia, announced the Malaysian Budget 2023, themed "Strengthening Recovery, Facilitating Reforms Towards Sustainable Socio-Economic Resilience of Keluarga Malaysia", that focused on three agendas; (1) Expansion of fiscal policy; (2) Ensuring financial sustainability of the Government; and (3) Implementation reforms and enactment of policies that could adapt to new norms.

In addition to the many measures that are aimed at protecting the welfare of the people who have been hit by a higher cost of living due to rising interest rates and inflationary pressures, measures that focused on strengthening economic recovery post Covid-19 as well as incentives and action plans that would help drive Malaysia's digitisation and carbon neutrality agenda, were announced. These included :

- Promoting capital market activities :
  - ▶ Government Linked Companies (GLCs) and Government Linked Investment companies (GLICs) committed to invest up to RM50 billion in 2023, including RM45 billion in domestic direct investments.
  - ▶ Khazanah Nasional Berhad to invest RM1 billion under Dana Impack in 2023, of which RM230 million of the fund to be invested in local high technology companies.
  - ▶ Government to provide RM100 million under the Domestic Investment Strategic Fund to support the development of local technology-based companies.
  - ▶ Extension of tax deduction up to RM1.5 million on expenses incurred on listing in ACE and LEAP markets until 2025, including listing expenses of technology-based companies on Bursa Malaysia's Main Market.
  
- Help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) strengthen their recovery momentum :
  - ▶ RM1 billion allocated for a one-off grant of RM1,000 to help 1 million registered SMEs and taxi drivers.
  - ▶ Allocation of RM45 billion to this year's Semarak Niaga Keluarga Malaysia initiatives, for government grants, direct loans, alternative financing and financial guarantees.
  - ▶ RM10 billion in funds from bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) to assist the automation and digitisation of SMEs and support the food security agenda and the recovery of the tourism sector.
  
- Promoting gender diversity and encouragement for women to return to the workforce after a career break, the following measures were announced :
  - ▶ A special training programme will be introduced by the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) to improve women's skills, identify and subsequently increase the number of women who are eligible to be appointed as board members.
  - ▶ Income tax exemption from 2023 to 2028, for women returning to work after taking a career break.
  
- Addressing prevailing issues of talent shortage :
  - ▶ To continue implementing the Malaysia Short Term Employment Programme (MySTEP), offering 50,000 career opportunities on a contract basis, including 35,000 through GLCs.
  - ▶ Keluarga Malaysia will continue to be provided with opportunities to pursue upskilling and reskilling programmes to better prepare for the needs for the job market.
  - ▶ SC to collaborate with Capital Market Development Fund to implement Capital Market Graduate Programme involving a fund of RM30 million to enhance the employability of 9,000 graduates for careers in the capital market.
  
- Climate change and ESG initiatives :
  - ▶ Introduction of carbon tax to assist Malaysia in achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. RM10 million matching grant will be provided for the assessment of carbon pricing mechanism.
  - ▶ Extension of the Green Investment Tax Allowance (GITA) and Green Income Tax Exemption (GITE) to 31 December 2025 to encourage businesses to accelerate the use of ESG-focused technology and embark on green projects.
  - ▶ Enhancing the Green Technology Financing Scheme to increase the guaranteed sum to RM3 billion until year 2025 and expanding the scope of financing to include the electric vehicle sector.

## 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (JC3)

The Joint Committee on Climate Change (JC3), a collaboration between Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) and the Securities Commission (SC), was established in September 2019 to promote and advance collective initiatives towards building climate resilience within the Malaysian financial sector. The JC3 is co-chaired by Datuk Jessica Chew, Deputy Governor of BNM and Encik Kamarudin Hashim, Managing Director of the SC with Members comprising of senior officials from Bursa Malaysia (Bursa) and nineteen (19) industry players.

The three (3) key mandates of JC3 are :

- i. Building capacity through sharing of knowledge, expertise and best practices in assessing and managing climate-related risks;
- ii. Identifying issues, challenges and priorities facing the financial sector in managing the transition towards a low carbon economy; and
- iii. Facilitating collaboration between stakeholders in advancing coordinated solutions to address arising challenges and issues.

Meetings are held quarterly where details and progress updates from the following five (5) sub-committees which was set up to undertake development and implementation of JC3's initiatives and priorities, are presented and reviewed :

- i. Risk Management;
- ii. Governance and Disclosure;
- iii. Product and Innovation;
- iv. Engagement and Capacity Building; and
- v. Bridging Data Gaps.

This year, invitations were extended to the Labuan Financial Services Authority and six (6) industry associations, namely the Association of Islamic Banking and Financial Institutions Malaysia (AIBIM), Association of Development Finance Institutions Malaysia (ADFIM), Malaysian Takaful Association (MTA), The Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM), Malaysian Association of Asset Managers (MMA) and Malaysian Investment Bank Association (MIBA), to participate at the JC3 meetings as observers. MIBA is represented by Ms Pauline Wong, Executive Director of MIBA.

## 3. BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA FINANCIAL SECTOR BLUEPRINT 2022-2026

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) launched the Financial Sector Blueprint 2022-2026 (Blueprint 3.0) on 24 January 2022, that sets out BNM's vision and strategies for the development of the financial sector over the next five years. Underpinned by the three (3) broad outcomes of finance for all, finance for transformation and finance for sustainability, the Blueprint 3.0 identified five (5) strategic thrusts and a key area that would be key towards realizing the desired outcomes :

- (a) Fund Malaysia's economic transformation;
- (b) Elevate the financial well-being of households and businesses;
- (c) Advance digitalization of the financial sector;
- (d) Position the financial system to facilitate an orderly transition to a greener economy;
- (e) Advance value-based finance through Islamic finance leadership; and
- (f) Futureproofing the financial sector workforce.

On 13 April 2022, BNM held an engagement session with representatives of the ABM, AIBIM, ADFIM and MIBA to share details of the plans and implementation roadmap of the Blueprint 3.0. BNM further sought the industry associations' support in :

- developing a roadmap for the implementation of the strategic thrusts and outcomes envisaged under the Blueprint 3.0. industry associations;
- championing any of the five (5) strategic thrusts or key area of interests identified under the strategic thrust; and
- identifying an industry champion for each initiative, to steer the development of the initiative and ensure that it progresses in accordance with the determined milestone and timelines.

As capacity building and talent management continues to remain a key challenge in the financial industry, coupled with the increasing need to develop different skills sets needed within the capital market, MIBA decided to contribute towards the Key Area of "Futureproofing the financial sector workforce" alongside the other industry associations.

In this regard, MIBA submitted a proposal to BNM in June 2022, for consideration.

#### 4. SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC)

##### (a) Securities Commission Industry Dialogue 2022

As in previous years, SC held its' annual industry dialogue with the capital market participants in July 2022 to discuss industry issues and strategies that may be undertaken towards ensuring the capital markets remain relevant, efficient and diversified. The dialogue, chaired by Dato' Seri Awang Adek Haji Hussin, Executive Chairman of SC, was held over three sessions to facilitate a more focused and strategic discussion in the respective areas of business.

##### Equity Capital Markets

The session on equity capital markets, which focused on corporate finance (CF) was held on 19 July 2022. MIBA was represented by members of MIBA's Executive and CF Committees :

- Ms Lee Jim Leng of Hong Leong Investment Bank and Chairman of MIBA;
- Mr Kevin Davies of Maybank Investment Bank;
- Madam Tracy Chen of AmInvestment Bank;
- Encik Jefferi Mahmud Hashim of CIMB Investment Bank;
- Datuk Roslan Hj Tik of Kenanga Investment Bank;
- Mr Jaimie Sia of RHB Investment Bank;
- Mr Kenneth Lee of CIMB Investment Bank;
- Puan Hidayah Hassan of Maybank Investment Bank;
- Encik Johan Hashim of Affin Hwang Investment Bank;
- Mr Ho Weng Yew of AmInvestment Bank;
- Mr Phang Siew Loong of Hong Leong Investment Bank;
- Mr Tan Wei Han of Kenanga Investment Bank;
- Mr Chris Lai Ther Wei of Mercury Securities Sdn Bhd
- Mr Gary Ting of M&A Securities Sdn Bhd
- Ms Rachel Ong Ly-Shil of Public Investment Bank; and
- Mr Tommy Har of RHB Investment Bank.



To help drive the post-pandemic recovery and to support companies seeking listing on Bursa Malaysia, MIBA submitted the following proposals for discussion and consideration at the dialogue :

- ▶ Given the growing interest for listing of late-stage or high growth companies, MIBA proposed to :
  - seek Government's funding to budget for additional venture capital funds to provide the necessary funding for potential unicorn companies in the making or consolidation of the venture capital funds within the purview of the Government or Government agencies to bolster the amount of funding available;
  - enhance local funding ecosystem for new start-ups to grow into unicorn companies;
  - work closely with Malaysia Venture Capital Management, government agencies and private equity companies to develop and create venture viable capital ecosystem in Malaysia. focus on targeted industries with high growth potential, i.e. electronic and electrical, renewable energy, artificial intelligence with strong value proposition;
- ▶ Given the increased significance that Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) have on companies' financial, operational and compliance, MIBA proposed for clear guidance to be provided on minimum requirements for ESG disclosures in the Prospectus of listing applicants.
- ▶ Collaboration between the SC, Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC) and industry practitioners to establish clear guidelines for the impending introduction of the merger control regime in 2023, to ensure the processing and approvals of merger and acquisition (M&A) applications by the respective regulators would be seamless and efficient.

The SC noted MIBA's proposals and informed that some of the proposals would require more detailed discussion with the other relevant agencies.

### **Debt and Islamic Capital Markets**

The session with the market practitioners of debt capital markets (DCM) and Islamic capital markets (ICM) was held on 21 July 2022. MIBA was represented by the following members of the DCM and ICM Committees :

- Dato' Fad'l Mohamed of Maybank Investment Bank and Deputy Chairman of MIBA;
- Puan Nor Masliza Sulaiman of CIMB Investment Bank;
- Encik Nor Shahrizan bin Sulaiman of Maybank Investment Bank;
- Puan Hatini Mat Husin of Affin Hwang Investment Bank;
- Mr Soo Wang Wei of Alliance Investment Bank;
- Datin Salina Mohd Burhan of AmInvestment Bank;
- Mr Yeoh Teik Leng of AmInvestment Bank;
- Encik Ayaz Ismail of CIMB Investment Bank;
- Mr Ling Yuen Cheng of Hong Leong Investment Bank;
- Mr Sean Lai Yew Hoong of Kenanga Investment Bank;
- Puan Idealia Samsudin of Kenanga Investment Bank;
- Puan Sarina Dalik of Maybank Investment Bank;
- Puan Nur Julie Gwee Ariff of MIDF Amanah Investment Bank;
- Mr Wong Kok Keong of Public Investment Bank; and
- Puan Norfarasha Abdullah of RHB Investment Bank.

To promote fund raising activities and improve distribution within the Islamic and debt market, MIBA Members raised the following issues and proposals at the dialogue :

- ▶ Support mid-tier companies (MTCs) through catalysing the competitive growth with greater fundraising efficiency for companies across their business lifecycle and bridge the gap between the peer-to-peer and over-the-counter markets.
- ▶ Increasing individual investors' participation by empowering investors with wider and diversified investment options through better accessibility and leveraging digitally inclusive ecosystem.
- ▶ Embarking on digital innovation and democratization to broaden market access including for MTCs and individuals, provide greater transparency and reduce cost.
- ▶ Widening the range of Socially Responsible Investments (SRI) instruments to support transition financing.

The SC noted the issues and proposals raised and would engage MIBA after careful consideration of same.

### **Stockbroking**

The session for market participants' dealings in the stockbroking industry was held on 26 July 2022. MIBA was represented by :

- Mr Lok Eng Hong of Maybank Investment Bank and Chairman of MIBA's Stockbroking Committee;
- Mr Chua Seng Boon of Alliance Investment Bank;
- Mr Gan Kim Khoon of AmlInvestment Bank;
- Mr Kwek Kon Chao of Hong Leong Investment Bank;
- Mr Lee Kok Khee of Kenanga Investment Bank;
- Encik Faiz Khaleeque Ahmad of MIDF Amanah Investment Bank;
- Ms Lim Jit Seng of Public Investment Bank; and
- Mr Wong Eng Kui of RHB Investment Bank.

Mr Lok presented the following key proposals submitted by MIBA that were aimed at widening market access and promoting market activities :

- ▶ The need to review the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI and/or introduce new indices which is based on high-growth or value to revive market vibrancy and trading liquidity;
- ▶ Enhancement of data analytics which may help to tract the changes in investors' risk appetite, trading behaviour and fund movements. Integrated information will allow brokers to provide more competitive products to market and also be able to respond to market change more swiftly.

The SC noted the proposals and advised that further discussion with all the relevant stakeholders (e.g. Bursa) would be required to implement the proposed initiatives.

### **(b) Brokerage Industry Consultative Committee (BICC)**

Established in July 2020, the BICC is a platform set up by the SC to discuss and review issues in relation to market challenges encountered, development of the capital market and to identify strategic solutions to address same.

Chaired by former Deputy Chief Executive of SC, Datuk Zainal Izlan Zainal Abidin, the BICC comprised of representation from the SC, Bursa, ASCM and MIBA. MIBA has been represented by :

- Mr Lok Eng Hong of Maybank Investment Bank and Chairman of MIBA's SBC;
- Mr Gan Kim Khoon of AmlInvestment Bank;
- Mr Lee Kok Khee of Kenanga Investment Bank.

On 4 August 2022, a meeting of the BICC was convened to discuss the proposed revision to stamp duty rate/limits on contract notes that was announced at the Federal Budget 2022.

At the meeting, MIBA shared that the revised stamp duty which took effect on 1 January 2022 had negatively impacted trading due to the higher transaction cost. A lower stamp duty would be more favourable and help boost the average daily trading value and increase local participation.

Having considered the above, SC and Bursa were of the view that a detailed proposal with more data to quantify and demonstrate the impact would be required to facilitate an in-depth review of the proposed revision to the stamp duty.

#### **(c) SC Engagement Session on Enhanced Initial Public Offering / Reverse Takeover Framework**

In its continued effort to develop a sustainable capital market, the SC held a virtual engagement session chaired by Dato' Zain Azhari Mazlan, SC's Executive Director, Corporate Finance & Investments, with members of MIBA's CF Committee on 2 June 2022, on the enhanced initial public offering (IPO) / reverse takeover (RTO) framework, which took effect on 1 January 2021.

At the meeting, the SC sought Members' feedback on the processes for the submissions of corporate proposals. The SC also reiterated some of the requirements of said framework and shared observations of non-compliances and common shortcomings in the corporate proposals submitted.

Members present noted the observations presented by the SC and shared the information with the respective team members within their institutions.

#### **(d) SC Engagement Session on Takeovers and Mergers**

The SC's Takeovers and Mergers (TOM) department held an engagement session with MIBA's CF Committee on 14 October 2022 to discuss issues encountered and queries raised by Members pertaining to TOM. The session was chaired by Encik Ahmad Zulharnain Musa, SC's General Manager of TOM.

Among the issues raised for discussion and clarification were :

- ▶ In the event an undertaking from an offeree shareholder does not accept the offer from the offeror, whether the offeror could be exempted from arranging financing for the aforesaid portion.
- ▶ Definition of Persons Acting in Concert (PAC) under different scenarios in order to address the current issue on lack of proximity which resulted in the lack of accountability from the PACs.
- ▶ Definition of partners of a partnership in the event an offeror has multiple business interests but might have partners that were not involved in the offer.

Members were advised to reach out to SC's TOM's department on any issues, encountered as well as queries or clarifications needed in relation to takeovers and mergers.

## 5. BURSA MALAYSIA (BURSA)

### (a) Securities Market Operations Committee (SMOC)

Bursa's Securities Market Operations Committee (SMOC), chaired by Datuk Muhamad Umar Swift, Chief Executive Officer of Bursa, meets quarterly to discuss operational and business issues impacting the operations of the industry and review industry developments which may impact the securities industry.

SMOC comprises representation from Bursa as well as industry associations such as ASCM and MIBA. In 2022, MIBA was represented by :

- Mr Lok Eng Hong of Maybank Investment Bank and Chairman of MIBA's SBC;
- Mr Gan Kim Khoo of AmlInvestment Bank; and
- Mr Wong Eng Kui of RHB Investment Bank.

Some of the key issues and proposals discussed at the SMOC meetings during the year were :

- ▶ To enable the FTSE4Good ESG rating information in brokers and investors' trading screen so that said information could be viewed on one trading screen.
- ▶ Introduction of a Securities Donation Scheme that aimed to, amongst others, create additional funding avenues for charitable organisations to facilitate positive impact creation for the society and the environment and to reduce administrative burden for donors with odd lots.
- ▶ Development of an exchange trading platform to trade standardised carbon products where transactions can be executed both in an intermediated and disintermediated manner. It would be an avenue for companies and market participants to trade voluntary carbon credits to offset their carbon emission footprint.

### (b) Briefing on "Bursa Anywhere Mobile App – Electronic Dividend Reinvestment Plan"

On 9 September 2022, Bursa invited MIBA's CF Committee to a virtual briefing on "*Bursa Anywhere Mobile Apps (BA) – electronic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (eDRP)*" to introduce the mobile application's features, which would give public listed companies (PLCs) and their shareholders the following benefits :

- i. Wider reach to PLCs' shareholders, as some of their shareholders are already on BA Mobile Apps;
- ii. With easy access provided for PLCs' shareholders to be informed of the exercise, and effortless step to subscribe, it would boost PLCs' DRP subscription rate;
- iii. Additional channel facilitating PLCs in their offering of eDRP to their shareholders, and for shareholders to subscribe their DRP electronically.
- iv. Further momentum to the Go Green initiative, provide better value to PLCs' shareholders and ease of subscription to PLCs' DRP;
- v. Dedicated Bursa Anywhere Helpdesk to support the PLCs on their eDRP exercise; and
- vi. BA eDRP feature is free to PLCs.

The Bursa Anywhere mobile app was launched in June 2019 to give investors easier access to their portfolio and investment information as well as electronic depository services. Since the launch, Bursa had continuously enhanced the app's features and services including personalised portfolio alerts, beneficiary management functionality, and analytics information for investors.

### **(c) Briefing on Equities Margin Methodology**

Since the launch of the Equities Margin (EM) framework in June 2016, Bursa has conducted annual reviews on the EM methodology framework to ensure the default resources and required margin level is sufficient to safeguard the smooth operations of the capital market in Malaysia and to strive towards achieving loss coverage level which is in line with the expectation in the Principle of Financial Market Infrastructures (PFMI).

Recognising the importance of improving and strengthening the risk management framework, Bursa had since June 2020 embarked on an initiative to enhance its EM methodology. Following several industry consultations and engagements, Bursa had on 13 October 2022 conducted a virtual briefing to members of ASCM and MIBA to share details of its revised EM methodology as well as the implementation plan way forward.

## **6. MALAYSIA COMPETITION COMMISSION'S INDUSTRY CONSULTATION**

The Malaysian Competition Commission (MyCC) issued a public exposure draft (ED) in April 2022 to seek comments and feedback on the proposed amendments to the Competition Act 2010 (Act 712) in relation to the introduction of the merger control regime. Said amendments aimed to enhance the extensiveness of Malaysia's competition law and ensure same is in line with the international practices, as well as for MyCC to effectively perform its statutory function of promoting and protecting fair competition in the market.

Following the issuance of the ED, MyCC held a public consultation session on 8 June 2022 to seek comments and feedback from the industry players and public. Said session was attended by representatives of MIBA's CF Committee.

MyCC also met with MIBA's CF Committee on 26 July 2022, to discuss the Committee's comments and feedback on the ED, which was submitted on 10 June 2022 and to address queries raised.

## **7. BRIEFING BY SECURITIES INDUSTRY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE (SIDREC)**

In March 2022, the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Centre (SIDREC) reached out to MIBA to explore opportunities for potential collaboration with MIBA, particularly in respect of providing insights on areas of mediation, dispute resolution or adjudication.

MIBA facilitated a virtual briefing by SIDREC on 20 July 2022 for Members of the Compliance Officers, Legal and Stockbroking Committees. At the briefing, SIDREC took members through the dispute resolution process as well as expectations going into mediation and adjudication sessions. SIDREC also addressed additional issues and proposals that MIBA had submitted prior to the session.

## 8. LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Investment banking is a multifaceted industry that continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace. Against a backdrop of rapid and constant change, there is a perpetual need for investment bankers to keep abreast with industry developments, trends and prospects in order to stay ahead and remain competitive. Continuous learning and development also help promote a positive work environment, where staff feel valued and supported, leading to greater job satisfaction, productivity and retention.

For this reason, MIBA has consistently placed significant focus and emphasis on continuing professional education and development that would add value and support the capacity building and talent management needs of Member institutions and the industry.

The programmes and workshops organized by MIBA in 2022 were :

### (a) Transactions and RPT Rules

Listed companies on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia enter into related and non-related party transactions on a regular basis. To give corporate finance professionals a better perspective on the rules and guiding principles of Bursa Malaysia's listing requirements on such transactions, MIBA organized an online programme on "Transactions and Related Party Transactions (RPT) Rules" by Mr Chee Kai Mun, Director cum Principal Trainer of CKM Advisory Sdn Bhd. Due to overwhelming interest, MIBA organized two (2) sessions of the workshop on 23 and 31 March 2022 to accommodate participants.

The topics discussed in the workshop included :

- Scope of Chapter 10 of the Listing Requirements and application of related and non-related party transactions to a listed company and its group of companies;
- Definitions and principles of RPTs and the meaning of interest involving related parties;
- Calculations of percentage ratios thresholds in RPTs and obligations for Non-RPT and RPTs; and
- Case studies with scenarios on RPTs and its rules.



*Mr Chee Kai Mun delivering his presentation with polls and discussions*

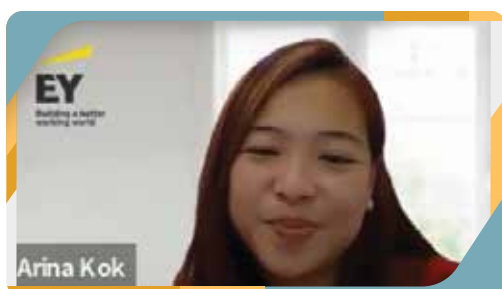
**(b) ESG Investing: Perspectives for the Stockbroking Industry**

Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) continued to remain a key investment consideration with investors monitoring potential ESG risks from growing sustainability changes, such as climate change, labour practises, and corporate governance.

A webinar on "ESG Investing: Perspectives for the Stockbroking Industry" was organized on 13 April 2022 to give capital market intermediaries broader perspectives into the integration of ESG into business strategies and risk management.

The panel of speakers comprising :

- Ms Arina Kok, Partner, Malaysia Climate Change and Sustainability Services Leader, Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd;
  - Ms Helena Fung, Head of Sustainable Investment, Asia Pacific, FTSE Russell; and
  - Mr Deepak Khurana, Director, Index and Analytics, London Stock Exchange Group
- shared their insights and perspectives on :
- Trends and developments of ESG investing and sustainable responsible investments (SRI) in Malaysia and the region;
  - Emerging ESG risks and threats and their mitigants;
  - Potential opportunities and best practices on ESG investing in the equity capital market;
  - Methodology and assessment of FTSE Russell ESG ratings model and green revenues data model; and
  - Benefits of being a Bursa Malaysia’s FTSE4Good constituent and qualifying for the indices.



Ms Arina Kok from Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd



Ms Helena Fung from FTSE Russell

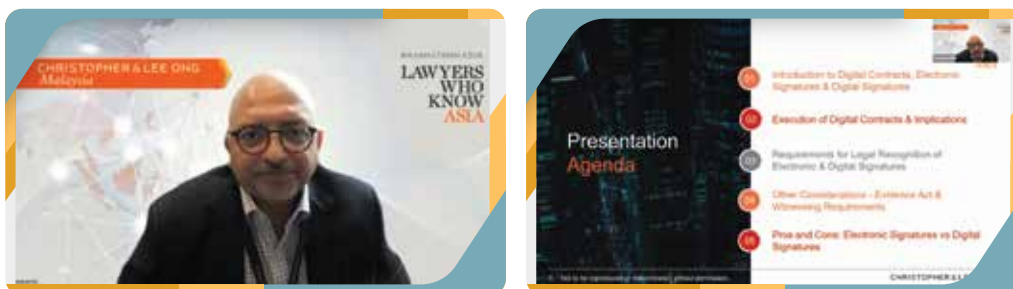


Mr Deepak Khurana from London Stock Exchange Group

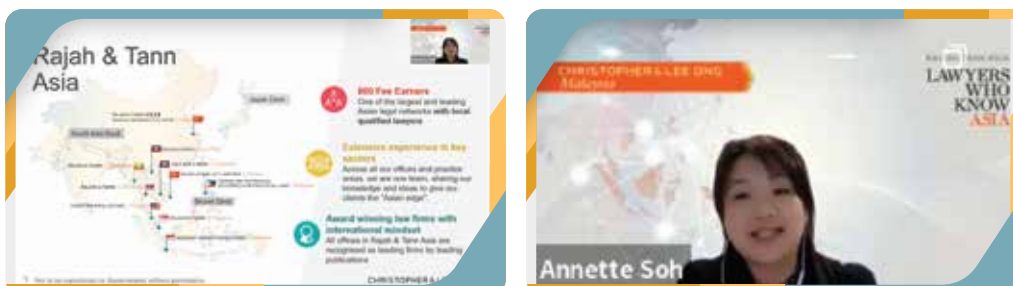
**(c) Digital Contracts: A Practical Approach**

The rapid shift in digitizing internal operations caused by the COVID-19 movement control order had exposed organizations to commercial and legal risks. Noting the need of capital market participants to address the practical issues and legal considerations in digitizing contracts to create a more robust business ecosystem, MIBA organized a two-day webinar on “Digital Contracts: A Practical Approach” on 20 and 21 April 2022 for legal and compliance officers as well as risk management practitioners where esteemed legal counsels from Christopher & Lee Ong, Mr Deepak Pillai and Ms Annette Soh, shared updates and insights into :

- Laws applicable to digital contracts and implications on transactions, its applicable laws and implications on corporate transactions;
- Legal, practical issues and best approaches in executing digital contracts;
- Regulatory considerations and recent developments of privacy and cybersecurity as well as the lessons learnt from the movement control order; and
- Methods to remedy digital contracts and best practices on privacy, cybersecurity and digital contracts in order to comply with the relevant laws.



Mr Deepak Pillai delivering his presentation



Ms Annette Soh delivering her presentation



**(d) IPO Building Blocks Series: The Basics of IPO**

To reinforce advisers' understanding of the obligations and expectations and ensure the quality of submissions in an IPO exercise are of the highest standard, the "IPO Building Blocks Series : The Basics of IPO" programme by Datin Hayati Aman Hashim, which covered the following topics, was organised in 2022 :

- Underlying principles of the 5 focus areas for the listing of companies on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia;
- Required standards for meaningful disclosures in a prospectus to ensure there is no misleading information or material omission in IPO applications;
- Regulatory requirements for IPO applications relating to due diligence, material development and other advisers and experts; and
- Frequently missed issues by advisers in IPO applications such as reliefs, variances and concurrences, financial position and liquidity and corporate governance.

The programme was repeated four (4) times on 29 June, 5 and 19 July and 3 August 2022 to accommodate the overwhelming number of participants.



*Datin Hayati Aman Hashim presenting on the IPO Building Blocks Series: The Basics of IPO*



*Interactive workshops with polls, case studies and avid discussions*

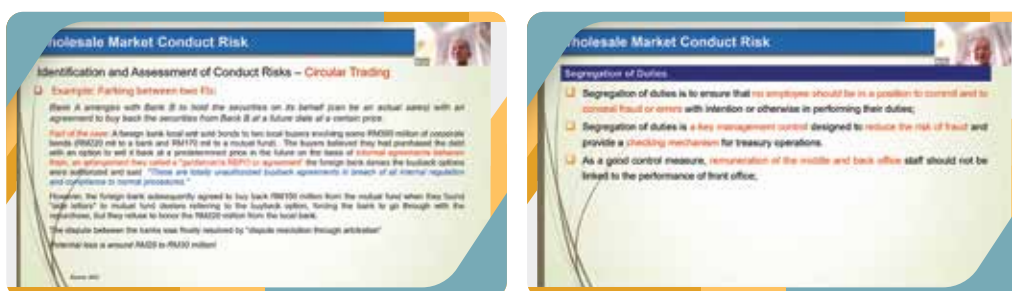
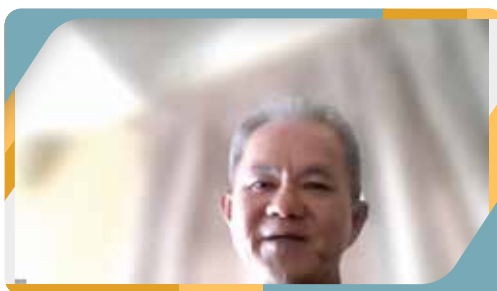
**(e) Wholesale Market Conduct Risk**

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) had issued the Wholesale Market Conduct Practices and Guidance Document on 31 December 2021 aimed at providing guidance on managing conduct risks arising from wholesale financial markets activities. To maintain adequate oversight of staff conduct and implement mechanisms to manage market misconduct, financial institutions are required to ensure robust internal controls are in place to mitigate wholesale market conduct risk.

A webinar on "Wholesale Market Conduct Risk" by Mr Yeo Chin Tiong was organized on 28 July 2022 to offer treasury dealers, brokers, middle and back office staff as well as risk management practitioners a deeper understanding of the regulatory framework and requirements as well as updates on market conduct practices and controls.

Key areas presented and discussed by Mr Yeo included :

- Treasury dealing room structure and department set up together with the segregation of duties between front, middle and back office;
- Dealers' eligibilities and responsibilities in preserving a reputable, ethical and honest market place and methods of dealing among market participants;
- Conduct risks on financial products traded and their susceptibility to different types of misconduct; and
- Roles played by the business unit, risk, compliance and internal audit departments to mitigate exposure to conduct risks.



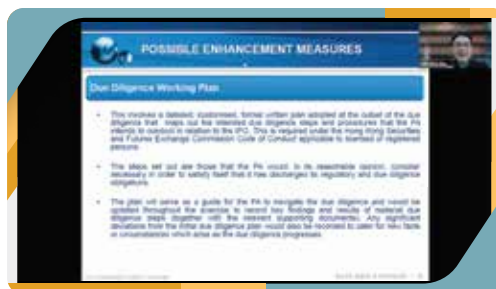
Mr Yeo Chin Tiong speaking on “Wholesale Market Conduct Risk”

#### (f) Due Diligence Expectations

Due diligence plays an important role in not only ensuring that the disclosures made by a company seeking to list on the stock exchange, are not only complete, true and accurate but that the company is in compliance with the relevant laws. A comprehensive due diligence exercise also reviews the sustainability of the company's business model, the plausibility of planning and the disbursement capacity of the company. This gives investors a better understanding of the company's strengths, business direction as well as potential risks, and make informed investment decisions.

To give corporate finance professionals deeper insights and perspectives into the legal aspects of due diligence in IPO exercises, MIBA organised a webinar on “Due Diligence Expectations” by Mr Chin Wee Sing from Kadir Andri & Partners on 22 September 2022 where Mr Chin discussed the :

- Roles, duties and obligations of a PA in IPO of shares in Malaysia;
- Objectives of due diligence by PAs and possible liabilities in the event of non-compliance; and
- Measures to mitigate risk of non-compliances and to enhance due diligence practices; and
- Outcome and findings of selected reported cases and enforcement actions taken.



Mr Chin Wee Sing delivering his presentation on “Due Diligence Expectations”

**(g) ESG in Equity Offerings**

Recognizing that Advisers play a significant role in ensuring an applicant’s disclosures on ESG performance and strategy in an initial public offering (IPO) exercise, MIBA organised a webinar on “ESG in Equity Offerings” on 5 October 2022 by a panel of esteemed speakers :

- Mr Paul A. Davies, Partner and Mr Michael D. Green, Counsel of Latham & Watkins LLP;
- Mr James Stacey, Partner and Global Leader of Clients and Sectors and Ms Margie Ong, Partner of ERM; and
- To' Puan Janet Looi, Senior Partner and Puan Sharifah Shafika Alsagoff, Partner of Skrine.

The speakers offered participants insights into :

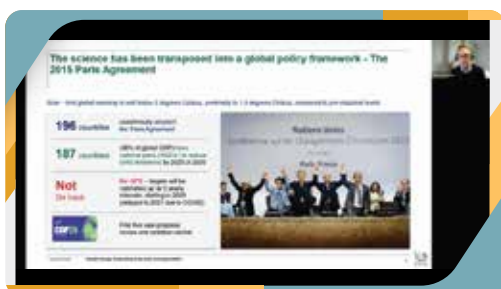
- Key ESG international regulatory trends and sustainable finance developments;
- Types of responses to climate change including policies, financial regulatory systems and financial institutions responses;
- Implications to business performance and enterprise values as well as best practices;
- Guidance and requirements on disclosure and reporting ESG issues in Malaysia;
- Regulatory enforcement on false and misleading statements in offering documents; and
- ESG integration with Islamic equity financing.



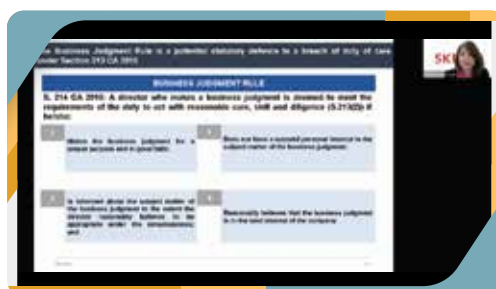
Mr Paul A Davies presenting his perspectives on ESG regulatory trends



Sustainable finance developments by Mr Michael D. Green



Mr James Stacey presenting his insights on policy responses to climate change



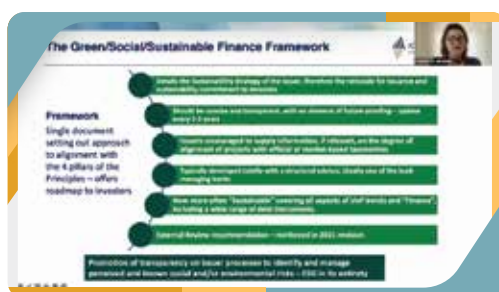
To' Puan Janet Looi and Puan Sharifah Shafika Alsagoff from Skrine sharing their insights and views on Malaysia's ESG Position

**(h) Introduction to Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds**

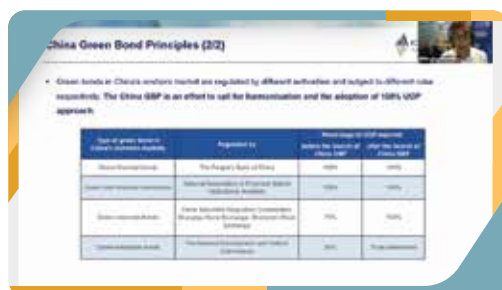
The increasing emphasis and focus on ESG, has resulted in a growing need and demand for Green, Social and Sustainability (GSS) bonds. To keep abreast with the developments in this regard, a webinar on “Introduction to Green, Social and Sustainability (GSS) Bonds” conducted by speakers from International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) was organised on 17 October 2022.

Ms Clarisse Simonek, Trainer and Mr Mushtaq Kapasi, Managing Director, Chief Representative, Asia Pacific presented the :

- Recent trends and future developments and opportunities of GSS bonds;
- Types of green and social projects eligible for GSS bonds;
- Principles and features of GSS bonds and pillars to the Green Bond Principles framework; and
- Malaysia and Asia’s developments in GSS bonds and regulations.



*Ms Clarisse presenting on Introduction to GSS Bonds*



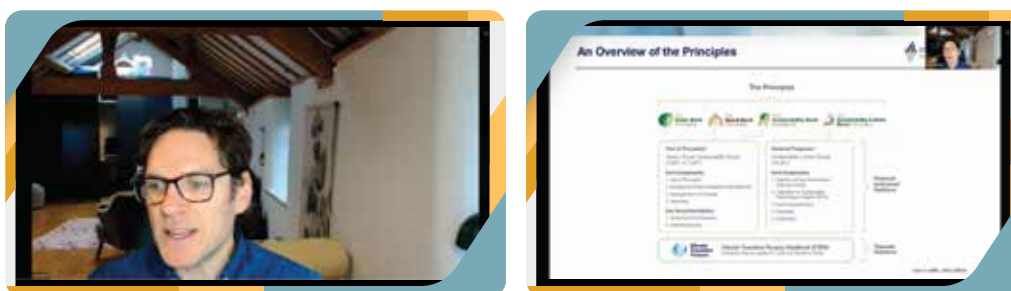
*Mr Mushtaq Kapasi sharing his views on Asia’s regulations and developments in GSS bonds*

**(i) Introduction to Sustainability-Linked Bonds**

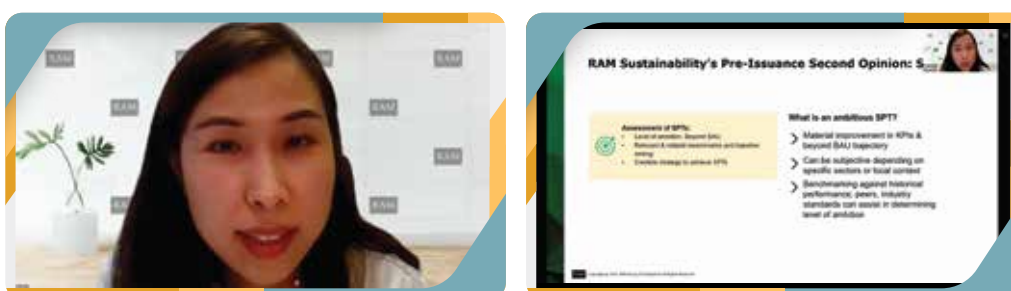
Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLB) have been playing a key role in funding issuers to finance the transition to a low carbon economy in order to achieve net zero emission targets. In response to the demand from capital market participants to understand SLBs, the Association organized a webinar, “Introduction to Sustainability-Linked Bonds” held on 20 October 2022 by Mr Raymond Seager from ICMA with Ms Gladys Chua, Head, Sustainability Services, RAM Sustainability Sdn Bhd, as the guest speaker.

Topics presented at the webinar included :

- The principles and reporting framework of the SLB market;
- Recommendations and practices of an issuer’s key performance indicators and ambition of sustainability performance targets;
- Requirements of the Climate Transition Finance Handbook and the global transition market and initiatives;
- Role of external service providers required under the SLB principles; and
- Considerations for integrating SLBs in investment strategy and practice.



Mr Raymond Seager speaking on SLBs



Guest speaker, Ms Gladys Chua, presenting her perspectives as an external reviewer

#### (j) Seminar on Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act & Common Reporting Standard Requirements

On 1 September 2022, legislations pursuant to the Malaysia-United States (US) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) were gazetted to improve tax transparency and to implement the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). The Common Reporting Standard (CRS) was also developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to put a global model of automatic exchange of information into practice for the purpose of tax compliance. Accordingly, Malaysian financial institutions are required to provide information on the bank accounts of clients who are US nationals' to the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) and comply with the relevant requirements under the IGA by 30 June 2023.

To facilitate the smooth implementation of processes required, MIBA organised a seminar on "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) & Common Reporting Standard (CRS) Requirements" on 10 November 2022 by Mr Chew Meng Keat from Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd for the staff of compliance, operations, business divisions of member institutions. Participation in the seminar was extended to other interested capital market participants.

In his presentation, Mr Chew discussed :

- Requirements of the IGA on FATCA and CRS legislations;
- Impact of non-compliance of FATCA and CRS requirements;
- Due diligence requirements on customers and accounts;
- Reporting obligations on FATCA and CRS; and
- Common FATCA group registration and certification issues to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements.



*Mr Chew delivering his presentation*



*Participants listening attentively during the programme*



*Active participation during the question-and-answer sessions*

## 9. EVENTS

### (i) Luncheon with Regulators

MIBA's Council hosted a lunch for Dato' Seri Dr Awang Adek Haji Hussain on 18 July 2022, at Bangunan AICB, Kuala Lumpur, to congratulate him on his appointment and welcome him as the Chairman of the Securities Commission.



*From left Encik Jefferi Mahmud Hashim, Ms Lee Jim Leng, Dato' Seri Dr Awang Adek Haji Hussain, Dato' Charon Wardini Mokhzani, and Dato Zain Azhari Mazlan*



*Members interacting with the senior management team of Securities Commission Malaysia*



**(ii) Appreciation Lunch for Former Council Members and Chairman of Committees**

On 31 October 2022, Members of the Council hosted an appreciation lunch at Bangunan AICB Kuala Lumpur for the following former Members of the Council, in appreciation of their invaluable contribution during their tenure as Members of MIBA's Council :

- a. Dato' Robert Cheim, Chairman of MIBA, who retired from his position of CIMB Investment Bank on 30 June 2021. Dato' Robert was appointed as Chairman of MIBA, on 1 April 2019;
- b. Encik Mohamad Yasin Abdullah, Chief Operating Officer of Maybank Investment Bank who served on MIBA's Council as the Honorary Treasurer of MIBA from Dec 2010 to March 2019;
- c. Mr Tan Boon Ching, Chief Financial Officer of RHB Investment Bank who served on MIBA's Council as the Honorary Treasurer of MIBA from April 2019 to March 2021;
- d. Mr Yip Weng Kit, Deputy Group Managing Director of Affin Hwang Investment Bank who served on MIBA's Council from November 2019 to November 2020;
- e. Encik Samad Majid Zain, Group Chief Operating Officer of Affin Hwang Investment Bank who served on MIBA's Council from November 2019 to October 2021;
- f. Mr Seohan Soo, Chief Executive Officer of AmInvestment Bank who served on MIBA's Council from December 2018 to July 2020;
- g. Mr Andrew Tan, Senior Managing Director, Regional Head, Corporate Finance (CF) of CIMB Investment Bank who served as Chairman of MIBA's CF Committee from April 2017 to July 2019; and
- h. Mr Tan Wei Han, Managing Director and Head of CF of CIMB Investment Bank, who served as Chairman of MIBA's CF Committee from August 2019 to July 2021.

The lunch also afforded everyone an opportunity to re-connect and catch up after two (2) years of adhering to regulations and controls adopted in 2020 to limit the spread of Covid.



*Retaining relationship between present and former Council Members*



*From left Mr Seohan Soo, Mdm Tracy Chen, Mr Lee Yo-Hunn, Encik Jefferi Hashim*



*From left Encik Mohamad Yasin Abdullah, Dato' Robert Cheim, Mr Ku Mun Fong*



*Datuk Robert Cheim with Ms Lee Jim Leng*



*Members enjoying the lunch and reconnecting after pandemic*



*"A Big Thank You" to former Council Members for their support and contributions to the Association.*

## 10. REPRESENTATIONS

MIBA would like to record its appreciation to the following individuals who represented MIBA at respective organizations:

- (a) **Asian Banking School Board of Directors**
- Ms Lee Jim Leng  
Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd
- (b) **Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers Council**
- Dato' Fad'I Mohamed  
Chief Executive Officer, Maybank Investment Bank Bhd
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Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer, CIMB Investment Bank Berhad
- (c) **Bank Negara Malaysia's ISO 20022 Industry Working Group**
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Head, Treasury Operations, MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Bhd
  - Encik Kameel Abdul Halim  
Chief Operating Officer, Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd
- (d) **Bank Negara Malaysia's RENTAS and FAST Rules Working Committee**
- Encik Mohd Zulhaini bin Zuall Cobley  
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Group Head, Group Operations, CIMB Bank
- (e) **Bursa Malaysia, Securities Market Operations Committee (SMOC)**
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  - Mr Gan Kim Khoo  
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  - Mr Wong Eng Kui  
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- (f) **Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals Charter Governing Panel**
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- (g) **Financial Industry Collective Outreach (FINCO) Board of Director**
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- (h) **HRD Corporation, Industrial Expert Committee**
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Business Finance Controller, Investment Banking, AmInvestment Bank Bhd
- (i) **Malaysian Accounting Standards Board Standing Committee on Islamic Finance Reporting (SCIFR)**
- Encik Nor Shahrizan Sulaiman  
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- (j) **Malaysian Sustainable Finance Initiative (MSFI) Steering Committee**
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- (k) **Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Bank Advisory Committee**
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Regional Head Dealing, Equities, Maybank Investment Bank Berhad
- (l) **Securities Commission, Brokerage Industry Consultative Committee**
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Going forward, the investment banking industry can expect to play a prominent and enhanced role with increased focus on key economic strategies and initiatives, particularly in capital raising, project financing and investment management. In this regard, MIBA and its members would continue to strive for greater excellence in meeting the challenges of facilitating and supporting the Government's efforts of addressing not only the short-term weaknesses but the long-term national competitiveness towards making the Malaysian capital market more efficient, vibrant and competitive to accelerate growth.

On behalf of the Council

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**Ms Lee Jim Leng**  
Chairman

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