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BNM top bond issuer in Q1

MARKET LEADERS: Hong Leong Financial Group is top corporate bond issuer and CIMB Investment Bank is top lead arranger for two quarters

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BANK Negara Malaysia (BNM) issued RM67 billion bonds for the first quarter of 2012, making it the top bond issuer, Bond Pricing Agency Malaysia (BPA) said.

BPA, in its latest bond market rankings, said the overall top traded bonds during the periods were those issued by the Malaysian government, valued at RM227.7 billion and RM130.2 billion respectively.

According to BPA, the top traded sukuk, or

Islamic bonds, were those issued by BNM Sukuk Bhd at RM77.20 billion. It marked a more-than-200 per cent increase versus the last quarter of 2011.

Hong Leong Financial Group Bhd remained the top corporate bond issuer with issues worth RM1.32 billion, while Public Bank Bhd's notes were the top traded corporate bonds at RM1.73 billion.

CIMB Investment Bank Bhd, which was the top lead arranger during both the periods, saw a jump in issuance value from RM8.30 billion in the last quarter to RM35.17 billion during the first quarter of 2012.

Maybank Investment Bank Bhd was top lead arranger (by issuance) with 89 issues.

BPA MALAYSIA BOND RANKINGS

	January-March 2012		October-December 2011	
Top Bond Issuer Overall	Bank Negara Malaysia	RM67b	Bank Negara Malaysia	RM40.5b
Top Corporate Bond Issuer	Hong Leong Financial Group Bhd	RM1.32b	Hong Leong Financial Group Bhd	RM1.72b
Top Sukuk Issuer	BNM Sukuk Bhd	RM40.20b	BNM Sukuk Bhd	RM25.5b
Top Traded Bond Overall	Government of Malaysia	RM227.68b	Government of Malaysia	RM130.17b
Top Traded Corporate Bond	Public Bank Bhd	RM1.73b	Cagamas Bhd	RM1.87b
Top Traded Sukuk	BNM Sukuk Bhd	RM77.2b	BNM Sukuk Bhd	RM52.53b
Top Bond Trustee Overall (by Value)	Mayban Trustee Bhd	RM21.35b	Malaysian Trustees Bhd	RM7.38b
Top Bond Trustee (by issuance)	Mayban Trustee Bhd	58 issues	Malaysian Trustees Bhd	54 issues
Top Conventional Bond Trustee (by value)	Malaysian Trustees Bhd	RM1.93b	Malaysian Trustees Bhd	RM1.92b
Top Sukuk Trustee (by value)	Mayban Trustee Bhd	RM20.89b	Malaysian Trustees Bhd	RM5.46b
Top Lead Arranger Overall	CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	RM35.17b	CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	RM8.3b
Top Lead Arranger (by issuance)	Maybank Investment Bank	79 issues	Maybank Investment Bank	89 issues