

MEDIA BRIEFING:

**THOMSON REUTERS, BOND PRICING AGENCY MALAYSIA LAUNCH CO-BRAND SUKUK
AND BOND INDICES - 12 OCT 2011**

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I am proud to announce on behalf of Bond Pricing Agency Malaysia that the Company has tied with Thomson Reuters to co-brand a series of bond and sukuk indices which then company has develop. The new family of indices includes 108 Malaysian Ringgit Sukuk and Bond indices comprising 36 TR-BPAM Malaysian Sukuk Indices, 36 TR-BPAM Malaysian Bond Indices and 36 TR-BPAM All Bond and Sukuk Indices covering 778 issues, 6 bond class, and history going back to 2007 and total market capitalization of RM583.6 billion as at 30 September 2011.

BPAM has been working diligently for the last 6 years to introduce new products and services to help market participants get the best updated information for their fixed income and sukuk needs. The coming together of Thomson Reuters and BPA Malaysia for this co-branded product is a proud moment for us as it confirms our belief that our products are of global standards. Thomson Reuters will provide the global reach for our services. This will also provide a new global window to Malaysia's sukuk and bond market. In a small way, we are contributing to the Malaysia's aspiration to be a global financial centre especially in Islamic finance.

An index is a prerequisite in any financial market. It is the most recognized performance barometer or indicator for any market. From an index, market players can glean a lot about that market's performance characteristics. In this respect, the Malaysian bond and sukuk market has a lot of hidden gems. Globalising this information can bring this market a higher new level of activity.

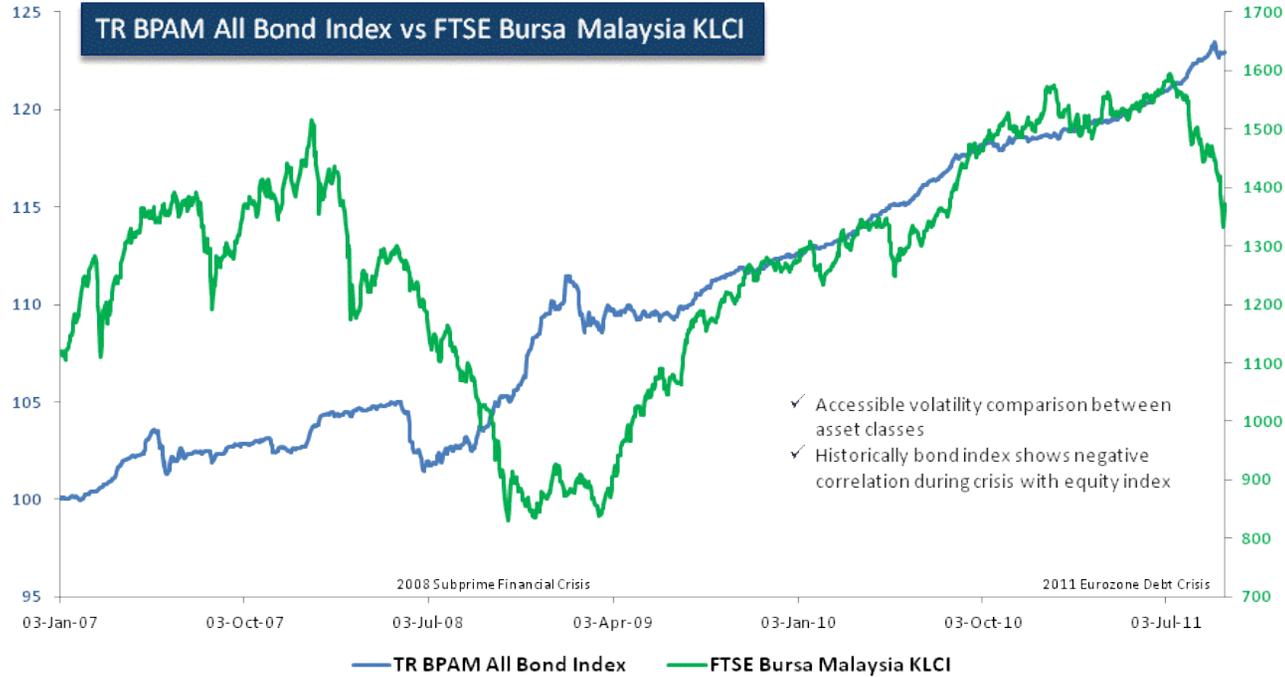
I refer to the presentation slide.

- The Malaysian bond and sukuk market is growing at a faster rate than that of the equity market;
- The Malaysian bond and sukuk market is 3 times more liquid in trade volume compared to the equity market;
- Malaysian bond market is negatively correlated to equity during crisis.
- In terms of risk return dynamics, the Malaysian bond and sukuk market generates the best risk to return ratio even when you compare to the S&P 500.

These kinds of growth figures cannot be made possible by just luck. We need to have an integral information web linking all players to enable professionals to confidently make the necessary decisions to enable them to maximize their utility/profit. If everyone gets the opportunity to maximize their utility, market's aggregate demand and supply will shift to a new level.

This partnership with Thomson Reuters is hoped to increase the following:

- Product innovation possibilities in a growing market;
- Increase the number of market players to improve the supply/demand dynamics
- Provide profitable opportunities for everyone.



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- Profitable opportunities available
- Growing market with positive outlook
- Increasing market players improves supply/demand dynamics
- Product innovation possibilities

30/06/2011	YoY Return	Volatility	Risk Return Ratio
TR BPAM Islamic	5.19%	0.71%	7.33
TR BPAM Conventional	4.05%	0.87%	4.64
FBMKLCI	20.17%	7.99%	2.52
S&P 500	28.13%	14.25%	1.97

Annual Trade Volume for 2010 [first 9 mths of 2011]	RM Billion
Bond & Sukuk	1,086.0 [1,403.7]
Equity	390.4 [352.1]

Amount outstanding/Market Valuation (Sept 2011)	RM Billion	Bonds:Sukuk (excl. MGS)
Bond & Sukuk	851.6	3:2 (3:7)
Equity	1,172.3	

Market Cap (RM billion)	End-2005	Sept 2011	Growth %
Bond & Sukuk	418.7	851.6	103.4
Equity	695.3	1172.3	68.6