

News Release**Maybank Investment Bank Tops All Four Categories at RAM League Awards 2025**

Maybank Investment Bank's Regional Head of Debt Capital Markets, Andrew Lim (third from left); Chief Financial Officer, Ezrina Mahadzir (third from right); with members of the bank's Debt Capital Markets team, Abu Bakr Amru (first from left), Azan Azlan (second from left), Edwin Ng (second from right) and Will Ong (first from right), at the awards ceremony in Kuala Lumpur recently

Kuala Lumpur, 6 March 2025 — Maybank Investment Bank Berhad ("Maybank IB") reaffirms its leadership in Malaysia's debt capital markets by ranking first in all four categories at the 22nd RAM League Awards 2025.

Maybank IB topped all four RAM League Tables for corporate bonds and Sukuk issued in 2024, each with five issued transactions and a total programme value of RM12.0 billion recorded.

Two landmark transactions arranged by Maybank IB were also among the winners of the RAM Blueprint Awards, which recognises new issuers for distinctive, ground-breaking bond or Sukuk deals in their respective industries.

One of the standout deals is Johor Plantations Group Berhad's RM3.0 billion Sustainability-Linked Sukuk Programme which issued the world's first sustainability-linked rated Sukuk in the plantation sector as well as the first rated SRI-Linked Sukuk under Securities Commission Malaysia's SRI-Linked Sukuk Framework. Maybank IB led the transaction as the Sole Principal Adviser, Sole Sustainability Structuring Adviser, Joint Lead Arranger, Joint Lead Manager and Facility Agent.

Another notable deal is Keyfield International Berhad's RM1.0 billion Sukuk Wakalah Programme, for which Maybank IB acted as the Sole Principal Adviser, Sole Lead Arranger, Sole Lead Manager and Facility Agent. This was Keyfield's maiden foray into the debt capital markets, allowing the company to diversify its funding sources for its future expansion requirements.

Michael Oh-Lau, Chief Executive Officer of Maybank Investment Bank Berhad, said, "These accolades reflect Maybank Investment Bank's depth of expertise in structuring innovative transactions and effectively supporting clients to tap into the capital markets to fuel their growth. We would like to thank our clients for their support and our teams for their dedication that have reinforced our position as a trusted partner for issuers and investors alike."

For 2025, Maybank IB is forecasting gross private debt securities volume of RM125 billion, exceeding 2024's supply of RM123.8 billion. This is against a stable interest rate environment and tight credit spreads, supported by sound economic policies that have invigorated the capital markets.

Michael added, "Deals that have been launched into the bond/Sukuk market thus far have seen robust investor support and interest. We are also seeing growing interest in sustainable finance from diverse sectors such as energy, power & utilities, real estate, healthcare and plantation. Renewable energy bond/Sukuk supply, in particular, is expected to pick up pace this year following financing requirements from recent Large Scale Solar 5 (LSS5) project awards."

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