

**News Release****Maybank Investment Banking Group named Syndicated Loan House of the Year in Malaysia and Vietnam by Asia Pacific Loan Market Association***Fifth consecutive year for Malaysia and fourth consecutive year for Vietnam*

**Kuala Lumpur, 7 April 2025** — Maybank Investment Banking Group ("Maybank IBG") continues to stamp its leadership in Southeast Asia, winning recognition from the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) as Syndicated Loan House of the Year in Malaysia for the fifth consecutive year and in Vietnam for the fourth consecutive year.

The repeat wins are even more impressive given that 2024 loan volumes were concentrated on fewer deals in both countries. Nonetheless loan volumes rebounded by +1.9% in Malaysia and +13.2% in Vietnam, boosted by a couple of mega transactions that closed in 2024.

The Asia Pacific Syndicated Loan Market Awards 2024 recognised outstanding achievements across 32 categories, with winners selected through an independent vote by more than 400 APLMA members, without any application or promotion process.

**Michael Oh-Lau, Chief Executive Officer, Maybank Investment Banking Group**, said, "Maybank IBG is proud to receive these accolades once again from our peers in the APLMA, attesting to our market leading position in Malaysia and Vietnam. Despite a cautious sentiment in 2024, we remained watchful to unlock opportunities for our clients. Our strong network combined with our commitment to sustainability and Islamic finance position us at the forefront of investment banking in the region."

In 2024, Maybank IBG was mandated as the sole Coordinator Bank for various onshore and offshore syndicated transactions. Among the key deals were the refinancing of the iconic Battersea Power Station building in London under PNB-Kwasa International 2 Limited's GBP1.11 billion Syndicated Green Loan Facility; Yarra Park City's AUD265 million Syndicated Term Loan facility to part finance the development of a residential apartment in Melbourne; and the USD400 million dual tranche (Islamic and conventional) Syndicated Term Financing for Bumi Armada Holdings Labuan Limited.

In Vietnam, Maybank IBG acted as the Mandated Lead Arranger, Underwriter and Bookrunner for Vietnam Prosperity Bank's Syndicated USD400 million Green Loan facility as well as the back-to-back syndications for Vinpearl and Vingroup that raised USD200 million and USD115 million respectively.

Michael added, "These are high profile repeat mandates that successfully closed with overwhelming response from the market — a testament of Maybank's ability to structure, underwrite, distribute and arrange successful fundraising exercises for our clients.

"For 2025, we expect overall loan volumes to remain robust, supported by favourable economic recovery conditions, good local market dynamics and positive regional trends. Sectors of focus in Malaysia are in

line with strategic government investments, such as real estate and data centres as well as potential infrastructure projects that will continue to drive loan activities.”

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**About Maybank Investment Banking Group**

Maybank Investment Banking Group (“Maybank IBG”) is the investment banking arm of Maybank, one of Asia’s leading banking groups and ASEAN’s fourth largest bank by assets. Maybank IBG is ASEAN’s leading home-grown investment banking group with deep capabilities in investment banking and advisory services, retail, prime and institutional securities broking, research and derivatives. It has full-fledged operations and research teams in six ASEAN markets — Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines — as well as offices in Hong Kong, India and London. Maybank IBG has won over 1,000 awards since its formation. It seeks to be the force for equitable prosperity and to be ASEAN’s leading sustainability-first investment bank by Humanising Financial Services.

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