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RHB INVESTMENT BANK SHINES ON THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN STAGE

Kuala Lumpur – RHB Investment Bank (RHBIB) once again emerged a winner in the investment banking circle clinching seven coveted awards in the 9th Alpha Southeast Asia Deal & Solution Awards 2015 and The Asset's Triple A South East Asia Awards 2015.

The awards recognises RHBIB's dominance in the capital markets across all product types, including advisory and fundraising from the debt and equity capital markets.

In mergers and acquisitions (M&A), RHBIB successfully won the Best M&A House in ASEAN award from Alpha Southeast Asia and the Best M&A Deal in Malaysia from The Asset.

"In 2015, Southeast Asian countries saw a total of approximately RM200 billion worth of M&A deals completed. We remain bullish on M&A activities in 2016 and expect 2015 volume to be surpassed as cash rich companies look for targets to acquire. We hope to utilise RHB's award winning regional platform to help clients meet their M&A aspirations," said Eugene Khoo, Regional Head of M&A, RHB Investment Bank.

RHBIB is the leading M&A adviser in Malaysia and ASEAN, having topped the league table by number of deals completed for the year. RHBIB's deal also won The Edge Malaysia's Best Deal of the Year.

In 2014, RHBIB closed a landmark M&A deal which saw global private equity firm KKR & Co. investing in Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, its first investment in Malaysia. RHBIB completed another ground-breaking transaction in 2015 when it executed the disposal of Kulim (Malaysia) Berhad's stake in New Britain Palm Oil Limited, a Papua New Guinea company listed on the Port Moresby Stock Exchange as well as on the London Stock Exchange. Both deals strengthen RHBIB's profile in successfully delivering significant value to clients for cross-border M&A transactions.

The Asset's Triple A South East Asia awards presentation took place on 12 January 2016 while the 9th Alpha Southeast Asia Deal & Solution Awards presentation is scheduled to take place on 2 February 2016.

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About the RHB Banking Group

The RHB Banking Group is the fourth largest fully integrated financial services group in Malaysia. The Group's core businesses are streamlined into three main business pillars, namely Group Retail and Commercial Banking, Group International Business and Group Corporate and Investment Banking. These businesses are offered through its main subsidiaries - RHB Bank Berhad, RHB Investment Bank Berhad, RHB Insurance Berhad and RHB Islamic Bank Berhad, while its asset management and unit trust businesses are undertaken by RHB Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. and RHB Islamic International Asset Management Berhad. The Group's regional presence now spans ten countries including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Lao PDR and Myanmar. It is RHB Banking Group's aspiration to continue to deliver superior customer experience and shareholder value; and to be recognised as a Leading Multinational Financial Services Group.