

## **BANK MUAMALAT 9-MONTHS PROFIT BEFORE TAX ENDING DECEMBER 2012 SURPASSED PREVIOUS FULL YEAR RESULTS**

- **Annualised ROE of 10.9%**
- **21.9% growth in gross financing**
- **Fee based income rose to 44.6% year-on-year**
- **Gross Impairment ratio down to 2.8% from 5.2%**
- **Savings deposit grew 19.7% to almost RM1 billion mark**
- **Core Capital Ratio and Risk Weighted Capital Ratio sustained at healthy levels of 13.2% and 18.2% respectively**

Kuala Lumpur – Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad reported today a cumulative 9 months Profit Before Tax of RM172.4 million, surpassing its previous full year financial results of RM123.5 million. Revenue for the period rose 12.3% to RM744.6 million.

Dato' Hj. Mohd Redza Shah Abdul Wahid, Chief Executive Officer of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad said, “ Our performance grew steadily through 2012 despite the continuous intense competition in the industry. We delivered sustainable improvement in both financing and fee income growth and at the same time emphasized greater discipline in managing overhead expenses. Equally important, our asset quality has significantly improved leading to a lower impairment cost which in turn helped to enhance our earnings”.

For the nine-month period ending December 2012, financing income grew by a sturdy 17.9% to RM461.4 million while fee income registered a very strong growth of 44.6% year-on-year to RM31.7 million. The bank's notable improvement in fee based income was driven mainly from its continued focus on expanding the Ar-Rahnu business and wealth management services, in addition to its increased corporate advisory activities. At the same time, the Bank recorded a RM7.2 million net write-back of financing and investment as opposed to RM21.6 million allowances in the previous corresponding period.

As at December 2012, the Bank's total assets stood at RM18.7 billion. The Bank's gross financing registered a 21.9% growth year-on-year to reach RM10.3 billion with Consumer segment constituting the largest contributor to the growth.

“Retail segment remains a cornerstone of the banking industry. Our 33.4% growth in this segment reflects the increasing acceptance of our products in the market, underpinned by our competitive offerings and strategy to focus on niche and selective market segments. While growth is important, managing the quality of asset remains a top priority of the bank”, said Dato' Mohd Redza. As at December 2012, the bank's gross impairment ratio narrowed to 2.8% from 5.2% a year ago.

Meanwhile, the bank's total deposit increased to RM16.5 billion, a 12.8% higher year-on-year. In particular, savings deposits registered an encouraging growth of 19.7%, nearly hitting the RM1 billion mark.

In terms of capital adequacy measures, the bank's key capital ratio remained healthy, with Core Capital and Risk Weighted Capital Ratio (RWCR) at 13.2% and 18.2% respectively.