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### **BANK MUAMALAT HONOURED WITH “WORLD OUTSTANDING ISLAMIC BANK EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026”**

**KUALA LUMPUR**, 27 January 2026 – Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad (Bank Muamalat) has been recognised on the global stage after being conferred the prestigious “**World Outstanding Islamic Bank Excellence Award 2026**” in London, United Kingdom. The award underscores the Bank’s rising international stature, its disciplined governance and its continued leadership in advancing sustainable and inclusive Islamic finance.

The award was presented during the high-level **Conference on ASEAN at the Geopolitical Crossroads 2026**, a closed-door forum co-organised by LSE, the KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific (KSI) and the ASEAN Economic Club (AEC). The conference convened world leaders, senior policymakers and global industry captains to discuss ASEAN’s strategic influence amid shifting geopolitical and economic landscapes.

The recognition was accepted by Chairman, Tan Sri Tajuddin Atan, FCB, together with President and Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Khairul Kamarudin, on behalf of the Bank.

The event featured keynote addresses by world leaders including Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, former Minister of Malaysia and Lord Jonathan Marland, Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), which reflects the strong international emphasis on ASEAN’s evolving economic role in navigating contemporary geopolitical challenges.

Bank Muamalat’s selection for the global honour reflects its consistent financial performance, strong Shariah governance and innovative approach to Islamic financial solutions, particularly in strengthening sustainability practices and empowering underserved communities. The award panel cited the Bank’s leadership in embedding ESG principles, advancing digitalisation and contributing meaningfully to Malaysia’s socioeconomic development agenda.

President and Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Khairul Kamarudin, expressed his appreciation for the recognition, emphasising the collective effort of Bank Muamalat’s workforce, supported by disciplined management execution and strong Board oversight.

“This prestigious global recognition reaffirms Bank Muamalat’s unwavering commitment to excellence, trust and innovation. Beyond recognising the Bank as an institution, the award also reflects Malaysia’s leadership and credibility in Islamic finance on the global stage,” he said.

“It is a testament to the dedication of our people and the strategic stewardship of our Board, as we continue to deliver responsible, inclusive and sustainable financial solutions while progressing towards our aspiration of becoming the Strongest Islamic Bank in Malaysia.”

Datuk Khairul added that the award further strengthens the Bank’s resolve to accelerate its transformation agenda, noting that Bank Muamalat will continue to innovate, expand its capabilities and champion values-based finance. “This recognition motivates us to push boundaries, elevate our impact and further strengthen Malaysia’s presence in the global Islamic financial ecosystem,” he added.

The accolade marks another significant milestone in Bank Muamalat’s growth trajectory as a full-fledged Islamic financial institution. It reinforces the Bank’s expanding international profile and leadership in promoting Islamic finance anchored on integrity, resilience and long-term value creation.

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