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# FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index to be new benchmark for Malaysian Shariah-compliant investments

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**KUALA LUMPUR, HONG KONG, LONDON, 22 January 2007:** Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia), in collaboration with FTSE Group (FTSE) the global index provider, today launched the FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah index designed to provide investors with a broad benchmark for Shariah-compliant investment for the Malaysian market. The index takes the constituents of the FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index, which has been free float weighted and liquidity screened, and overlays the Securities Commission's Shariah Advisory Council's (SAC) screening methodology to derive a highly investable and transparent Shariah-compliant index.

The new index will run parallel with the existing Shariah index (KLSI) for nine months. The KLSI will be deactivated on 1 November 2007, making the FTSE-Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index the singular benchmark index for Malaysian Shariah-compliant investments.

Bursa Malaysia's Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Yusli Mohamed Yusoff said, "The new index provides investors with a clearer picture of quality Shariah investments in the Malaysian market. It uses globally-adjusted criteria that make it easier for institutional investors to track our Shariah-compliant investment offerings more effectively. This is critical to ensure our Shariah market continues maintaining its competitiveness with other international Shariah investment destinations."

He added that the new index also represents a first step towards the creation of more Islamic products. "With the new FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index, we can now work on creating a tradable Shariah index which in turn allows us to introduce Islamic structured products."

Mr Paul Hoff, Managing Director of FTSE Asia Pacific said "The FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index is a superior Shariah-compliant benchmark for the Malaysian market due to its investability, liquidity and transparent ground rules. This overlaid with SAC's screening methodology is expected to attract domestic and foreign Shariah investors alike."

The screening methodology applied by the SAC stipulates that stocks must not be involved in activities deemed non-permissible according to Shariah. Constituents from the FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index, a composite of the large and mid-cap stocks of the FTSE Bursa Malaysia 100 and the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Small Cap Index, which do not meet the SAC's Shariah standards are excluded. The result, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index, will be managed according to a transparent and public set of rules and overseen by an independent committee who will meet semi-annually to review the index.

For the complete list of constituents, go to [www.ftse.com](http://www.ftse.com) while the index performance information is available at [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com).

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