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MALAYSIAN PRIVATE EQUITY FORUM TO POSITION MALAYSIA AS A PREMIER DESTINATION FOR P.E. INVESTMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 August 2014: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Ekuiti Nasional Berhad (Ekuinas) will be hosting the Malaysian Private Equity Forum to be held at the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur on 9-10 September 2014.

Under the theme 'Private Equity as a Growth Catalyst in Malaysia', the Forum aims to promote PE as an attractive asset investment class for Malaysian investors, raise awareness among the local investment community on the potential transformational value of private equity investments and also highlight the existing PE players with a view to help expand and develop the private equity ecosystem in Malaysia.

The Forum will bring together senior investors, experienced fund managers, and private equity professionals from around the region to provide strategic insights on the benefits and opportunities that private equity creates.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, YB Senator Dato' Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, will be giving an opening address and officiating the Forum.

Datuk Shahril Ridza Ridzuan, EPF's Chief Executive Officer said, "Following the success of the EPF Global Private Equity Summit 2013, we are pleased to be co-hosting this year's Forum together with Ekuinas. The Forum will be able to further showcase the attractiveness of private equity as an alternative investment asset class to Malaysian investment institutions.



Over time, we hope this will help increase the domestic investment flow into private equity, which is still relatively small and help further expand this vibrant investment sector.”

Dato’ Abdul Rahman Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer of Ekuinas said, “Malaysia has one of the most dynamic and stable economies in Southeast Asia. While Malaysia’s private equity market is relatively nascent, the Forum will highlight the immense potential of private equity in Malaysia and how private equity investments can be a catalyst towards transforming companies and an engine for growth and productivity for the country.”

During the two-day Forum, there will be several panels involving key industry professionals on various topics such as **“Malaysia as a Destination for International Private Equity”**, **“The PE Road to Superior Returns”** and **“Southeast Asia: Creating Value for ASEAN Companies”**.

Confirmed keynote speakers at the Forum will be Howard Marks, the Chairman of Oaktree Capital Management, a leading global alternative investment management firm formed in 1995 and with USD91.1 billion in assets under management as of June 30, 2014; D. Brooks Zug, Founder and Senior Managing Director of HarbourVest, a leading global private equity specialist in fund of funds, secondary investing, and direct co-investments with funds under management of more than USD35 billion; and David Suddens, Chief Executive Officer of Dr. Martens, an iconic British footwear.

Other notable names who will be attending the Forum include Nicholas Bloy, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Navis Capital Partners; Sigit Prasetya, Managing Partner, CVC Capital Partners; Brahma Vasudevan, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Creador; Eugene Lai, Managing Director and Co-Managing Partner, Southern Capital Group; and Ravi Thakran, Group President, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Middle East, LVMH Group.



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For more information on the Malaysian Private Equity Forum 2014, please visit www.malaysianpeforum2014.com.

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As a customer-focused organisation, the EPF delivers efficient and reliable services for the convenience of its members and registered employers.

The EPF continues to play a catalytic role in the nation's economic growth, consistent with its position as a leading savings institution in Malaysia.

About Ekuinas

Ekuinas (Ekuiti Nasional Berhad) is a government-linked private equity fund management company established on 1 September 2009. With the government endowment of RM5 billion under the 9th Malaysia Plan and 10th Malaysia Plan, Ekuinas aims to create Malaysia's next generation of leading companies whilst promoting equitable, effective and sustainable Bumiputera economic participation. To date, Ekuinas has undertaken investments in high potential Malaysian companies involved in the business of fast moving consumer goods, oil and gas, logistics, education and retail.

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