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Maybank AM partners JPMAM for global dividend fund

MAMG Global Dividend is a feeder fund investing in the \$2.6bn JPMorgan Global Dividend fund and will be offered through Maybank's bank branches.

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Maybank Asset Management has collaborated with JP Morgan Asset Management to launch the MAMG Global Dividend fund in Malaysia.

It is a feeder fund that seeks to achieve capital and income growth through exposure to the \$2.8bn JPMorgan Global Dividend fund.

The Maybank AM fund is available exclusively at the bank's branches nationwide. The base currency of the fund is in US dollar, and it is also offered in MYR, MYR-hedged, AUD-hedged and SGD-hedged share classes. The minimum investment amount is \$1,000, RM1,000, A\$1,000 and S\$1,000, respectively.

Citywire Asia spoke to one of the underlying JPM fund's portfolio managers, Citywire A-rated **Sam Witherow**, in **a separate interview here**, where he touted the quality characteristics of dividend stocks as a buffer against market volatility.

Supreet Bhan, JPMAM head of Southeast Asia funds, said in a statement: 'We are pleased to partner with Maybank AM to bring our global investment capabilities to investors in Malaysia. A strategy like this is positioned to navigate market volatility with classic dividend-paying sectors being able to weather downturns better.'

Bhan added: 'It is also worth noting that currently the valuations of high dividend-paying equities are relatively attractive compared to lower-yielding equities and active management is key in identifying such opportunities.'

Maybank AM has a presence across Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, offering Asian based investment products for both the Islamic and non-Islamic markets. It oversees \$6.9bn of assets under management, as of June 2023.

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