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### EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BERHAD DECLARES INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIAN HIGH YIELD BOND MY FUND

28 August 2017, Kuala Lumpur - Eastspring Investments Berhad today announced the gross income distribution for Eastspring Investments Asian High Yield Bond MY Fund ( "Fund"). The Fund is a wholesale feeder fund which aims to maximise income and capital appreciation by investing in the Eastspring Investments - Asian High Yield Bond Fund ("Target Fund"), which invests primarily in Asian high yield bonds.

The distribution rates for each currency class are as follows:

Currency Class	Gross Distribution (Respective Currency/Unit)	Dividend Yield (based on net asset value per unit as at 31 July 2017)	Type of Distribution
AUD Hedged-Class	0.0152	3.00%	Quarterly
RM Hedged-Class	0.0108	2.00%	Quarterly
USD Class	0.0102	2.00%	Quarterly

All unit holders who have maintained their unit holdings in the Fund as at 25 August 2017 will be entitled to the income distribution.

#### Market Outlook from the Investment Manager of the Target Fund

Asian USD-denominated high yield bonds posted a return of 0.67% (represented by the JP Morgan Asia Credit - Non Investment Grade Index) in July. Declines in United States Treasury ("UST") yields contributed to the overall positive return but this was mitigated by slightly wider spreads. UST yields started July on a weak note as controversy surrounding US President Trump's links to Russia compounded concerns over his administration's lack of progress on the promised reforms. Weaker-than expected retail sales and inflation data also contributed to UST yield weakness. However, UST yields inched higher in the last week of July on the back of economic data pointing to sustained growth momentum in the US. The Federal Reserve's signal that it could start to normalise its balance sheet "relatively soon" in its statement also contributed to the upward movement in yields. Consequently, UST yields ended the month marginally lower, with the 2-year yield and the 10-year yield closing the month at 1.35% and 2.29% respectively.

High yield sovereign bonds outperformed over the month while high yield corporates and quasi-sovereigns performed largely in line with each other. Sri Lanka and Mongolia both rebounded from their underperformance in the previous month. Sentiment towards Sri Lankan bonds was lifted by news that the International Monetary Fund ("IMF") had approved a new disbursement to the country from its economic reform program. Idiosyncratic factors drove divergence in the high yield corporate bond space. Increased regulatory scrutiny on some Chinese issuers that have expanded aggressively overseas weighed on their performance. On the other hand, outperformance was seen in commodity-related names.

Year-to-date, the Asian high yield bond market has delivered decent returns. Positive carry from Asian high yield bonds continues to attract yield-hungry investors. Improvements in economic growth across Developing and Emerging markets this year, as well as fading concerns over a hard landing in China, were also positive contributors to investor sentiment. High yield sovereign bonds were the best performers over the year-to-date period, led by Mongolia and Sri Lanka. Indonesian high yield corporates led the charge within the high yield space. Chinese high yield corporates also managed to chalk up decent returns in spite of idiosyncratic news that weighed on certain issues.

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### ABOUT EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS

Eastspring Investments is a leading asset manager in Asia that manages over USD170 billion assets on behalf of institutional and retail clients as at 30 June 2017. Operating in Asia since 1994 in 10 major markets plus offices in North America and Europe. Eastspring Investments is the Asian asset management business of Prudential plc, one of the world's largest financial services companies.

### ABOUT EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BERHAD

Established in 2000 and based in Kuala Lumpur, Eastspring Investments Berhad is one of the leading asset management companies in Malaysia in both institutional and retail, with over RM40 billion in assets under management in the country as at 30 June 2017. It manages unit trust funds, wholesale funds as well as private mandates.

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The Info Memo has been deposited with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. Units will only be issued upon receipt of the application form. Past performance of the Fund is not an indication of the Fund's future performance. Unit prices and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up. Where a unit split/distribution is declared, investors are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit will be reduced from pre-unit NAV/cum-distribution NAV to post-unit split NAV/ex-distribution NAV. Where a unit split is declared, investors are advised that the value of their investment in the respective currency class(es), i.e. Malaysian Ringgit, US Dollar and Australian Dollar will remain unchanged after the issue of the additional units.

Investments in the Fund is exposed to fund management of the Target Fund risk, country risk and currency risk. Investors are advised to consider these risks and other general risks as elaborated in the Info Memo as well as fees, charges and expenses involved before investing.

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