

Cagamas Holdings exploring refinancing new assets

KUALA LUMPUR: Cagamas Holdings Bhd is exploring refinancing new asset classes, including the infrastructure and small-medium-enterprise sectors.

“We will continue to step up our efforts to further diversify our funding sources and promote a broader range of debt securities in the capital market.

“On the Islamic finance front, we will strive to introduce more globally accepted sukuk structures to attract a larger pool of international and regional investors,” Cagamas Holdings said in

its annual report 2015.

Cagamas Holdings, the National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia, was established in 1986 to promote a broader spread of house ownership and growth of the secondary mortgage market.

The group continues to play an active role in facilitating deeper intermediation in the Malaysian financial sector by providing liquidity, capital and risk management solutions.

Cagamas also offers a wider source and tenor of funding for financial institutions.

For the financial year ended 2015, Cagamas Bhd (CB), Cagamas MBS Bhd (CMBS) and Cagamas SRP Bhd (CSR), remained very strong, achieving a higher pre-tax profit of RM558.3 million against RM546.5 million in 2014, arising from higher profit contributions from both CB and CMBS. The group's core capital ratios and risk weighted capital ratios stood at 37.3 per cent and 37.2 per cent, respectively.

CSR, a unit of Cagamas Holdings involved in the provision of guarantee of residential mortgages, achieved a 14.2 per cent rise in premiums received and a commendable increase of 100.1 per cent in loans guaranteed under My First Home Scheme.

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