

# THE SIAM INVESTMENT FUND

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### MISSION

Established in 2018 as a Cayman Islands Limited Partnership in order to finance worthy projects in the ASEAN region and beyond, the Siam Investment Fund aims to encourage a different model for community-focused, sustainable development. Every aspect of the Fund reflects its special focus and character: from the individuals and institutions involved in its planning and operation, the choice of a partner bank for its main accounts (DBS Singapore and Hong Kong: voted “safest bank in Asia” for the past 13 years), to our criteria and protocols for screening and selecting investors and projects. The people involved in founding and shaping the Fund, some of them profiled in accompanying links and attachments, consciously decided to do something different, while avoiding many of the pitfalls common in the finance and development industry. They vowed: not to work with crooks or fools, not to expose their investor-partners to even the tiniest amount of risk – and not to saddle any of the projects they finance with the kind of debt or austerity measures that typically accompany IMF, World Bank or Chinese loans.

Instead, the directors of the Fund are focused on supporting initiatives in parts of the world, especially ASEAN, Africa and South America, where they feel the most impact and SROI (Social Return on Investment) can be achieved through innovative projects in housing, energy, education, healthcare, agriculture and aquaculture - and a model for the sustainable exploitation of natural resources that values the health of local communities over the interests of foreign nations, banks and corporations.

After experiencing a three-year delay in launching the Fund due to the pandemic, the founders and partners are working with a heightened sense of urgency - because things are changing *fast*. Old systems of business, finance and education are falling behind and struggling to adapt. In this scenario we feel the Siam Investment Fund could play a useful – perhaps catalytic – role, with agility, imagination, talented people and a unique business model that will provide significant returns for its investor-partners while funding important new projects every year. For this to happen, we are now working to put in place a key element of our financing mechanism: a special trading operation to develop above-market returns that will be shared by the Fund and its investor-partners. During the past year, fund managers, private bankers, family offices and a variety of prospective individual and institutional investors began following our efforts with growing interest. Once this trading mechanism is in place, we will be ready to engage these investor-partners, capitalize the Fund, provide debt-free financing for important projects – and help all parties begin to prepare for the future (climate change, the Quantum Economy, etc.)

## STRUCTURE

**The structure of the Fund itself** is not complicated. It consists of equity partners and a fund of investment capital to be used in “seeding” important projects. Three partner-directors (**Dato’ Seri Abdul Rahman Maidin, Zafirios Vidianos** and **Don Morgan Nielsen**) will be in charge of setting policy, shaping strategy and making decisions regarding the choice of investor-partners and projects to finance. Front-office management and relations with our banking partners and institutional investors will be handled by the Singapore-based **Zico Holding Group**, including the Zico Law Network and Zico Asset Management. Zico has offices and important relations in all ten ASEAN nations – and further affiliations throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Furthermore, the Fund’s Chairman, Dato’ Seri Abdul Rahman Maidin, and the Director of Zico Holding Group, **Chew Seng Kok**, have a strong professional relationship spanning four decades. The Fund will also utilize the partners’ international networks of friends, associated institutions and governments in order to facilitate its work, identify worthy projects and initiatives to support, and reach out to serious investor-partners. Through secure, bank-based capital-enhancement programs, these investor-partners will realize significant gains, while at the same time contributing to the Fund’s growth and the debt-free financing of important projects around the world – with particular focus on the ASEAN nations, Africa, South America and the Middle East. The Fund is also in the process of establishing ties with a number of universities, institutes, medical and engineering schools and international agencies, whose experience and expertise will make significant contributions to our projects and programs.

### **The Founding Partners, Due-Diligence and our extended Cyber Team**

The Siam Investment Fund was co-founded by Dato’ Seri Abdul Rahman Maidin (see profile of ARM Associates) and William (“Bill”) Majcher. Rahman is an experienced and widely respected Malaysian businessman-diplomat, whose character and steady leadership of both national and regional enterprises led Nelson Mandela to name him permanent honorary Ambassador of South Africa to Malaysia. These same qualities also led to his repeated election as President of the Malaysian and ASEAN nations’ chambers of commerce for the past 35 years. The other founder of the Fund, Bill Majcher, is perhaps the leading international expert on cyber security, money-laundering and other related issues. Bill and his associates – along with our other cyber- and A.I. specialists – provide the Siam Investment Fund with due-diligence, risk-management, security and predictive capabilities that far exceed those available in most banks or governments. Our due-diligence process, protocols and expertise ensure that the funds we receive and deploy are clean, secure and carefully managed. These same security systems and capabilities will also be available to the investor-partners and projects we elect to work with. We believe that a combination of security and real-time intelligence will make Siam unique among investment funds and financial advisors and will help our investor-partners better plan and prepare for the rapid changes ahead.

### **Incoming Funds and Investments**

The Siam Investment Fund was set up and organized in close cooperation with the Singapore and Hong Kong monetary and regulatory authorities. The Fund as a company – as well as its individual founders and partners – have undergone long and detailed scrutiny by DBS and the bank’s overseers, and we have now been cleared to begin the process of capitalization and the management of funds. Our basic investment model begins with a minimum investment of at least \$100m (one-hundred million USD/EURO). At this level, investors are considered “institutional”, and special rules and rates apply. For such investor-partners, our banks and affiliated licensed traders will organize secure high-yield “capital-enhancement” programs under the auspices of DBS Hong Kong, one of our other partner banks – or in cooperation with a special network of licensed traders under an exclusive arrangement with Siam Investment Fund. Guaranteed security of investment capital and a clear statement of monthly returns will characterize such investments, which will mature in either one or two years depending on the type of program we choose to organize for the client and the type of permission granted by the regulatory authorities.

### **Distribution of Profits and the Financing of Projects**

Investor-partners will be able to largely (or entirely) finance their own projects (or simply increase their capital) from the profits of the trading programs made available through the Fund. Investors with strategically and socially important projects will naturally be given priority in our selection and planning, although having such projects to finance is not a requirement for investing in the Siam Investment Fund. Net profits (after banking and trading fees) will be shared between the Fund and its investor-partners. Additionally, the Fund’s own capital reserves derived from the above profit-sharing will be used to buy and issue financial instruments such as SBLCs in order to finance projects that do not have the capital needed to act as investor-partners on their own. This is where we believe the Fund will play its most creative role and achieve its greatest influence in the region.

### **Due-Diligence Protocol**

In order to organize high-yield capital-enhancement programs or exercise other investment options on behalf of our investor-partners, complete disclosure and cooperation are required on their part, including (but not limited to) the timely provision of comprehensive due-diligence documents and authorization to verify assets. A visit and in-person discussion with one of the directors is also possible - according to a special protocol available upon request. After our own in-house due-diligence research has been completed, the Fund’s designated trader(s) will conduct their own due-diligence review in cooperation with our partner bank(s) and the investor’s own bank. If a prospective investor-partner and their assets are given a green light to proceed, we will confer with the trader to explore and decide on the best possible options for increasing the investor’s capital, rapidly and with absolute security. At this point, we will provide a detailed investment proposal, explicitly stating terms and returns, for the investor to study and either accept or reject.

### **Acceptable Assets**

Subject to final approval by our banks and affiliated traders, the Fund will start by accepting three types of assets for its investment programs: cash, SBLCs from acceptable banks, and gold SKRs that are confirmed, with full responsibility, by an acceptable financial institution or security facility. Other asset classes are also under consideration and will be treated on a case-by-case basis upon receipt of full and comprehensive documentation, including Authorization to Verify.

### **Associate Partners**

The Siam Investment Fund will not (and will not have to) directly solicit investors. Because of its mission, goals and people involved, there is already a great deal of interest in the Fund. Key individuals (our associate partners) in banking, fund management, family offices, government and industry are aware of our efforts and have expressed their interest in working with us. Such people are crucial to the Fund's success, as they are able to help us identify and pre-screen the most appropriate investors based on their own personal knowledge, experience and due-diligence reviews. Once they have been notified that we are ready to begin accepting and managing funds, they will advise their clients and associates to submit due-diligence files, including up-to-date proof of funds and Authorization to Verify (ATV) in order to begin the consultation process and full sharing of information.

### **Goals:**

When we succeed in putting in place the special trading operation referred to earlier, the Siam Investment Fund will signal to its associate partners around the world that it is ready to begin a rapid capitalization of the Fund in close cooperation with our banking partners. At that point, in collaboration with Zico Holding Group and their offices throughout Asia, and with our specialist partners in finance, science and technology, we will analyze our clients' due-diligence files and their business and financial goals in order to prepare the most secure and profitable options for them to study. Any such proposal will involve complete security of investment capital – and seriously above-market returns from one- or two-year programs not available to the general public. The ultimate success of the Siam Investment Fund, however, will be measured by the impact we can make, in communities large and small, in remarkably simple things that most of us take for granted: a roof over our heads, electricity, food, clean water, healthcare and education. Simple but difficult – and well worth the effort.