

**Malaysia secures a judgment for \$1.748 billion and recovery of \$240 million in known assets following conviction of key individuals in 1MDB embezzlement case in Switzerland**

**London, 28 August 2024** - The 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) Board welcomes the news that today, the Swiss Federal Criminal Court convicted two men for multiple crimes as part of embezzling 1MDB, the former Malaysian sovereign wealth fund.

Swiss-British businessman Patrick Mahony and Saudi-Swiss businessman Tarek Obaid were convicted of fraud, money laundering and aggravated misuse of funds in court proceedings in Switzerland's most senior criminal court in Bellinzona.

The court sentenced Obaid to seven years' imprisonment and Mahony to six years in prison. The court ordered that their assets, including real estate in Switzerland and the UK, and amounts held in numerous bank accounts, totalling more than \$240 million, be confiscated and restored to 1MDB.

Responding to today's convictions and the court order for forfeiture of assets, a spokesperson for the 1MDB board said:

*"We welcome today's verdict in Switzerland's Federal Criminal Court, which means that Patrick Mahony and Tarek Obaid will face justice for their role in embezzling and defrauding the people of Malaysia, and we commend the Swiss authorities for their work securing these convictions.*

*Throughout this process, we have worked to support the Swiss Federal Prosecutors as attached parties to the prosecution, to ensure the recovery of assets to Malaysia. This included filing criminal complaints on behalf of 1MDB, supporting the investigation, appearing at the trial, providing statements and cross examination and ultimately ensuring the frozen assets will be returned to Malaysia. We thank the Swiss authorities for their thorough investigation, which has secured this conviction.*

*In particular, we welcome the order for forfeiture and restitution of monies and assets. This significant recovery has been achieved as part of our multi-disciplinary recovery strategy to support and supplement the ongoing criminal forfeiture.*

*We continue to bring enforcement actions against the parties involved in fraudulent misappropriation of Malaysian state funds around the world. Today's judgment is a further step towards recovering the harm done to the people of Malaysia. We will continue to pursue those responsible for the looting of 1MDB and recover our nation's rightful assets, wherever they may be."*

Patrick Mahony and Tarek Obaid are set to face further civil and criminal prosecution in Malaysia over charges of embezzlement and dishonest assistance, relating to the

creation of a fraudulent joint venture between 1MDB and PetroSaudi International in 2009.

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### **Notes to editors**

1MDB are represented by Guillaume Tattevin, Lezgin Polater and Joanna Didisheim of Archipel in the proceedings. Dato Lim Chee Wee, Lee Shih, Nathalie Ker Si Min, Raphael Kok Chi Ren, Pang Huey Lynn and Emily Ho Mei Li of Lim Chee Wee Partnership, of Kuala Lumpur, act as global co-ordinating counsel for all 1MDB-related asset recovery efforts. The liquidators for 1MDB subsidiary Brazen Sky are Angela Barkhouse and Toni Shukla, both of Kroll.

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