Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund

February 2021



FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital stability by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	104,108 units (26 February 2021)	Fund Size	RM113,301 (26 February 2021)			
Unit NAV	RM1.0883 (26 February 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds			
Benchmark	50% Quantshop GII Medium Index + 25% CIMB Islamic 1-month Fixed Return Income Account-I (FRIA-i) + 25% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Have a low risk profile and seek for a potentially less volatile investment return Want a minimal exposure to Shariah-compliant equities investment Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund. Up to 1.2% of p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad. 			

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Mutual Funds	Cash			
86.31%	13.69%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Mutual Fund	86.31%		
Cash	13.69%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Principal Islamic Lifetime Sukuk Fund	43.12%	
Principal Islamic Lifetime Enhanced Sukuk Fund	26.26%	
Principal DALI Equity Fund	16.93%	
Total	86.31%	

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital stability by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund versus its benchmark as at 26 February 2021:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.80	0.15	1.44	1.64	5.62	10.26	8.83
Benchmark	-0.63	-0.34	-0.23	-0.35	6.54	10.22	12.08

^{*} Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Notice: Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance which may differ. The fund performance is not guaranteed.

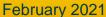
FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

In February, the Fund rose 0.15%, outperforming the Benchmark by 0.49ppt led by India and Taiwan while China and Malaysia were laggards.

Despite concerns of rising bond yields impacting equities, we see the recent market correction as temporary. The Fed and all other central banks are not even thinking about raising interest rates, nor reducing balance sheet size. This is because the focus remains on achieving high employment rate, attaining inflation target of about 2% and ensuring economic growth trajectory. We anticipate that the soonest possible date for a tapering of balance sheet would be more than a year away. Liquidity will continue to be ample and we expect fund flows to move to Asia given that it is under-owned, earnings momentum is strong and a weak US\$.

We are fully invested and favour growth-oriented stocks. As we think the rally will broaden out this year, we have been adding stocks beyond the well-known tech companies in the areas of decorative paints in India and suburban malls in Hong Kong. We have been deploying cash from inflows amidst the market correction which we deem as temporary to ensure we are fully invested.

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RISKS

All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

Market risk

Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the target fund's NAV.

Inflation risk

This is the risk that your investment in the target fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.

Manager's risk

This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by the manager which will impact the performance of the fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Principal, as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.

Reclassification of Shariah status risk

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities in the target fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC), Shariah adviser of the issuer, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Principal will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event that the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed of at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the target fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the target fund or price of units to fall.

Risk associated with investing in Islamic CIS

Since the target fund will invest entirely into Islamic CIS, there is a risk of concentration into Islamic CIS, in which the Islamic CIS's management company has absolute discretion over the Islamic CIS's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the Islamic CIS and/or the management company, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into those Islamic CIS would be affected negatively. Should the situation arise, Principal will seek for another Islamic CIS that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.

Country risk

The target fund may invest into Islamic CIS which can be domiciled in various countries. Therefore, the target fund will be subjected to risks specific to the countries in which the Islamic CIS are domiciled. Such risks include adverse changes in economic fundamentals, social and political stability, laws and regulations and foreign investments policies. These factors may have an adverse impact on the price of the Islamic CIS, which will depress the Islamic CIS's NAV growth, and consequently depress the target fund's NAV growth.

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Currency risk

As the target fund may invest into Islamic CIS denominated in currencies other than MYR, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between MYR and the currencies in which the Islamic CIS are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the target fund.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 26 February 2021

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