

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

March 2021



FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, whilst maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposits placements that comply with the Shariah principles.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	18 January 2019	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	239,583 units (31 March 2021)	Fund Size	RM250,213 (31 March 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.0444 (31 March 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund
Benchmark	Islamic Interbank Overnight Rate	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek liquid and low risk investment with a short-term investment horizon Want a Shariah-compliant investment. Seek for security and flexibility in investment. 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund. Up to 0.45% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Money Market	97.93%
Cash	2.07%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

RHB Islamic Bank Bhd	18.95%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	17.71%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	16.02%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	14.63%
AmBank Islamic Bhd	13.23%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	13.22%
Maybank Islamic Bhd	3.16%
Bank Muamalat Malaysia	1.02%
Total	97.93%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Deposit Fund (“target fund”) with the objective to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, while maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposit placements with licensed Islamic financial institutions that comply with Shariah principles.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 March 2021:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.41	0.13	0.41	0.78	1.77	N/A	4.44
Benchmark	0.43	0.15	0.43	0.87	1.86	N/A	5.78

* 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

The Fund delivered 0.13% in the month of March 2021, underperforming the benchmark by 2bp, and delivered 1.77% in the 12-months period ending 31 March 2021, underperforming the benchmark by 9bps.

Bank Negara Malaysia maintained the OPR unchanged at 1.75% during its March meeting. The MPC statement noted that global growth risks have abated slightly but the balance of risks remains tilted to the downside due to uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and efficacy of vaccination programs. Domestic growth is expected to improve in 2Q2021 and the future policy will continue to be determined by new data and information.

On 17th March, Prime Minister announced a RM20 billion stimulus package of which RM11 billion will be a one-off direct fiscal spending to be funded by domestic borrowing. Official guidance of deficit ratio for 2021 is revised to 6.0% vs 5.4% under Budget 2021. The MoF expects the statutory debt ratio, which includes only MGS, GII and MITB (excluding SPK, MTB and foreign currency debts) to be at 58.5% of GDP in 2021, which is below the limit of 60%. On overall government debt ratio, the ratio is estimated to be at 62.2% at end 2021.

BNM projects 2021 real GDP growth to rebound to between 6.0% to 7.5% on the back of improved external demand and gradual improvement in domestic economic activity. Inflation forecast for 2021 is revised higher to average 2.5%-4% compared to negative inflation at -1.2% in 2020 due mainly to cost push factors such as the expected increase in global crude oil and commodity prices as well as lower electricity tariff rebates. Core inflation is expected to remain subdued at 0.5 to 1.5% amidst continued spare capacity.

Despite the 1Q2021 GDP still expected to be weak, we believe that BNM is likely to keep its OPR at 1.75% for the time being as they deem the current monetary policies to be accommodative to support the recovery.

We limit our investment exposure to short-term Islamic deposit placements due to the very low risk nature of the Fund.

RISKS

Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is NO GUARANTEE on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the target fund's investment objective will be achieved.
General market environment 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.
Financing risk	This risk occurs when you obtain financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with money obtained from financing includes you being unable to service the financing payments.
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Principal which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by Principal as a result of an incorrect view of the market may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.
Reclassification of Shariah non-compliant 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), the Shariah adviser, the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or the Shariah adviser of the issuer.
Credit and default risk	<p>Investment of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal aim to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.</p> <p>Investment in the target fund is not the same as placing funds in a Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed Islamic financial institution. There are risks involved and investors should rely on their own evaluation to assess the merits and risks when investing in the target fund.</p>

Source : *Principal Asset Management Berhad*

Date : *31 March 2021*

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