

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

August 2024



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.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH

Please refer to the Yearly Fund Fact Sheets at <https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/> for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach of the target fund.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	18 January 2019	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	1.39 million units (30 August 2024)	Fund Size	RM1.58 million (30 August 2024)
Unit NAV	RM1.1387 (30 August 2024)	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Performance Benchmark	Islamic Interbank Overnight Rate	Frequency and Basis of Unit Valuation	The unit price is determined daily based on value of the holdings in the target fund, net of expenses, divided by the total number of units in that fund
Target Market	Suitable for investors: <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 	Fund Management Fee	<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 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Deposits

Minimum 95% of Net Asset Value (NAV)

Cash

Maximum 5% of NAV

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant Money Market	95.35%
Cash	4.65%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Affin Islamic Bank Bhd	2.86%
Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation	2.60%
CIMB Islamic Bank	2.60%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	2.08%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	1.56%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	1.51%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	1.30%
Affin Islamic Bank Bhd	1.30%
CIMB Islamic Bank	1.30%
Affin Islamic Bank Bhd	1.30%
Total	18.41%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

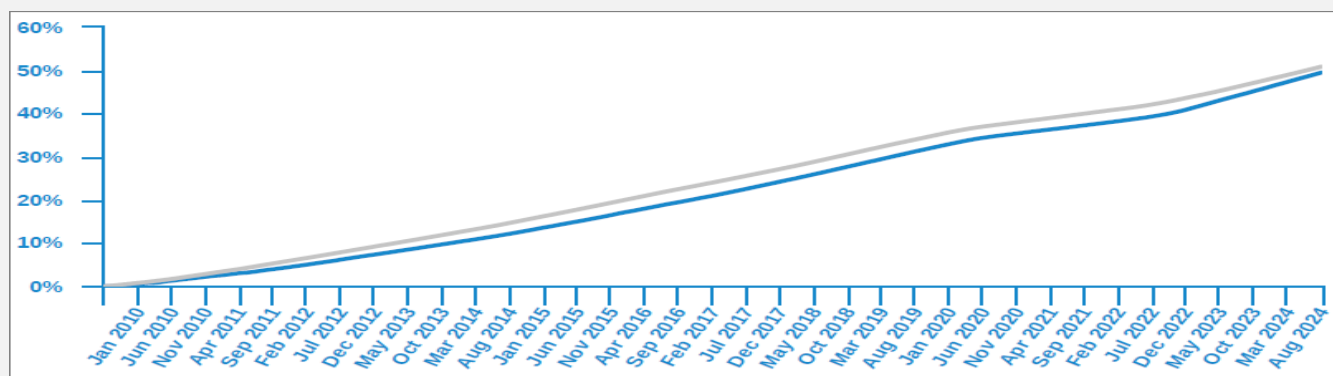
This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI (“target fund”) with the objective to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, while maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposit placements with licensed Islamic financial institutions that comply with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

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 August 2024:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	2.16	0.26	1.60	3.25	8.32	12.66	13.87
Benchmark	2.04	0.26	1.54	3.07	7.93	12.58	14.99

* Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Graph below shows the historical performance of the underlying collective investment schemes (CIS) for the calendar year returns:



Source: Lipper

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Fund delivered 0.26% in August 2024 which was in line with the benchmark, and delivered 3.25% in the 12-months period ending 31 August 2024, outperforming the benchmark by 18bps.

Malaysia 2Q2024 GDP grew 5.9% YoY (1Q2024: +4.2% YoY) higher than the advance estimates of 5.8%. The growth was mainly due to stronger domestic demand and further expansion in exports. On the demand side, private consumption rose 6% while private investment grew 12%. Net external demand turned positive at 3.4% (1Q2024: -24.5%). On the supply side, growth was broad based with most sectors registering better growth momentum. The services sector, which account for more than half of Malaysia’s economic output registered 5.9% from 4.8% YoY and manufacturing activity advanced by 4.7% from 1.9% YoY. The construction sector improved by 17.3% from 11.9% YoY.

Inflation held steady at 2% in July 2024 for the third consecutive month. Prices continued to rise led by services related industries. This includes cost of healthcare, communication, recreation/culture, insurance & financial as well as restaurants & hotels. Meanwhile, core inflation was also unchanged at 1.9% YoY.

The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.3% in June for the eight consecutive month. The number of unemployed declined by 2.8% YoY to a four-year low of 565.3 thousand people. According to the Department of Statistics, two-thirds of jobs growth were in the services sector which continued to show positive trends. Malaysia’ labor market is expected to remain stable backed by favorable economic growth.

We limit our investment exposure to short-term 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	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. 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.

Source : *Principal Asset Management Berhad*

Date : *30 August 2024*

Disclaimer:

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