

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

April 2022



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	325,300 units (29 April 2022)	Fund Size	RM345,695 (29 April 2022)
Unit NAV	RM1.0627 (29 April 2022)	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 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Time / Term Deposit	99.82%
Cash	0.18%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

RHB Islamic Bank Bhd Time/Term Deposit	18.80%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd Time/Term Deposit	16.36%
Maybank Islamic Bhd Time/Term Deposit	16.01%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd Time/Term Deposit	13.23%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd Time/Term Deposit	11.75%
Al Rajhi Bank (Malaysia) Bhd Time/Term Deposit	7.31%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd Time/Term Deposit	6.96%
Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd Time/Term Deposit	4.18%
AmBank Islamic Berhad Time/Term Deposit	3.48%
Al Rajhi Bank (Malaysia) Bhd Time/Term Deposit	1.74%
Total	99.82%

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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 29 April 2022:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.55	0.14	0.41	0.82	1.63	6.14	6.27
Benchmark	0.57	0.14	0.42	0.86	1.73	6.57	7.79

* 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 0.14% in the month of April, the benchmark is in line, and delivered 1.63% in the 12-months period ending April 2022, underperforming the benchmark by 10bps.

Malaysia’s Industrial Production Index eased for the third consecutive month to +3.9% YoY in February (Jan-22: +4.3%) amid moderation in the manufacturing and electricity components, while mining remained stagnant. Meanwhile the manufacturing PMI showed a contraction in March as it declined to 49.6 (Feb-22: 50.9) as the prolonged Russian-Ukraine war and supply chain disruptions from China cities lockdown dampened sentiment but increased to 51.6 in April which was led by a sharp recovery in new order volumes.

Headline CPI remained unchanged at +2.2% YoY in March (Feb-22: +2.2%) despite higher food and non-alcoholic beverage prices (Mar-22: +4.0%; Feb-22: +3.7%) as diminishing base effects from transportation (Mar-22: +2.6%; Feb-22: +3.9%) amid continued fuel price subsidies helped to keep inflation levels stable. Meanwhile, core CPI edged higher in March to +2.0% YoY (Feb-22: +1.8%) amid pent-up discretionary spending and services demand effect of the economic reopening.

In March, exports grew by +25.4% YoY (Feb-22: +16.8%) on the back of firmer growth in manufacturing (i.e. E&E & petroleum products), agriculture and mining exports (i.e. palm oil, LNG and crude oil); while imports grew by +29.9% YoY (Feb-22: +18.3%) driven by imports of intermediate, consumption and capital goods. Trade surplus widened to RM26.7 billion during the month (Feb-22: RM19.8 billion).

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 : 29 April 2022

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