# Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Moderate Fund December 2019

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To provide a balanced exposure into equities and bonds.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	7.89 million units (31 December 2019)	Fund Size	RM14.17 million (31 December 2019)	
Unit NAV	RM1.7955 (31 December 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	50% FBM100 + 50% 12 month FD	
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee	
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  Want a balanced portfolio between equities and bonds  Are risk neutral between bonds and equities		The fund will feed into Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund and Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund which applies the following fund management charges:  Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund: 1.5% p.a.  Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund: 1.0% p.a.  There are no other fund management charges on this fund	

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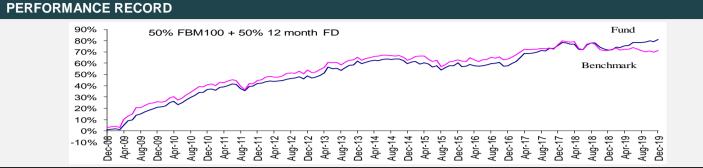
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund		
50.00%	50.00%		

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS	HERE THE FUND INVESTS				
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	Cash	Total		
50.07%	49.87%	0.06%	100.00%		



# **Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Moderate Fund**

December 2019



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	5.54	1.15	5.54	14.66	13.35	49.60	81.03
Benchmark	0.12	1.07	0.12	4.69	5.44	36.24	71.43

<sup>\*</sup> 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 December 2019, the Fund's performance increased by 1.15%, outperforming the benchmark by 0.08%.

KLCI ended the year as the worst performing Asian market with a loss of 6% in 2019. In Dec, KLCI gained 1.7% as the continued surge in crude palm oil (CPO) prices led to a 9.4% surge in the plantation index. Besides this, market sentiment was also buoyed by the phase 1 trade deal between US and China. Top three contributors towards the KLCl's gains were Sime Plantation (+9.4%), Petronas Gas (+8.5%) and IOI (+6.0%). Despite on-going trade tension, we expect growth to be sustained at a moderate rate going into 2020. This will be underpinned by more growth-oriented Budget 2020 (higher fiscal deficit, resumption of mega infrastructure projects) and accommodative monetary policy. Externally, the rebound in PMI to 50 in Dec 19 after hitting a low of 46.8 in Dec 18 bodes well for exports outlook particularly in the electronics and electrical (E&E) segment. Furthermore, the plantation sector will also be boosted by improving supply and demand dynamics which have led to CPO prices surging past RM3,000 per MT. Given a modest consensus earnings growth expectation of 7.3% in 2020, we believe earnings upside risks outweigh downside risks.

In the last FOMC meeting of 2019, Federal Reserve kept rate at 1.75% with officials agreed that the current interest rate stance is likely to remain unchanged for a period of time, despite raising concerns that low interest rates could exacerbate imbalances in the financial sector. Policymakers also pledged to discuss changes to the way the central bank manages liquidity in financial markets at future meetings, including the potential role of a standing repo facility, the setting of administered rates, and the composition of the Fed's holdings of Treasury securities over the longer run. Multiple US media outlets reported that US and China have reached consensus on the terms of a "phase one" trade deal despite no official confirmation from both sides of the government. Consensus is already expecting a trade truce to be officially signed in January-20. Domestic marco data is scant in December with only the release of MGS/MGII auction calendar for 2020. With a fiscal target of 3.2% of GDP in 2020 (gross supply of RM117.5bn by our estimation), we think the supply profile is manageable.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 December 2019

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