

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

May 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	256,009 units (31 May 2021)	Fund Size	RM268,049 (31 May 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.0470 (31 May 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	100.00%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

AmBank Islamic Bhd	20.72%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	19.48%
RHB Islamic Bank Bhd	16.72%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	12.16%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	11.32%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	11.05%
Maybank Islamic Bhd	8.56%
Total	100.00%

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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 May 2021:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.66	0.12	0.38	0.78	1.61	N/A	4.70
Benchmark	0.72	0.14	0.43	0.87	1.77	N/A	5.93

* 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 0.12% in the month of May 2021, slightly below the benchmark by 2bp, and delivered 6.61% in the 12-months period ending 31 May 2021, underperforming the benchmark by 16bps.

Malaysia’s 1Q21 GDP rebounded 2.7% QoQ (or -0.5% YoY) primarily driven by stronger exports, global demand recovery and tech upcycle. Recent trade data in April-21 continue to see exports to grow – at 63% YoY – confirming our thesis that a strong global demand recovery will eventually benefit export-oriented country like Malaysia.

However, surging COVID-19 cases has prompted the Malaysian government to announce a two-weeks lockdown from 1st June. While the MoF has not officially guided a new GDP forecast taking into the consideration of the lockdown impact, most business economists are downgrading growth by 0.5 – 1.5% for 2021 (forecast range from 4.4% to 5.4% for 2021). Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin acknowledged that there is limited fiscal space to stimulate the economy.

BNM kept policy rate unchanged in the May-2021 meeting, with assessment of overall growth trajectory, current policy stance, and outlook for policy broadly similar to March-2021. However, with pandemic-related headwinds stronger than initial assumptions, policy action may be required in the next meeting. 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	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 : 31 May 2021

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