

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Sustainable Fund

September 2024



## FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve long-term capital growth.

## 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	01 June 2022	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	7.98 million units (30 September 2024)	Fund Size	RM 8.92 million (30 September 2024)
Unit NAV	RM 1.1185 (30 September 2024)	Target Fund	Nomura Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund - MYR Class A
Fund Manager	Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Performance Benchmark	Dow Jones Islamic Market Developed Markets Index	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"><li>are seeking long term capital growth;</li><li>want a portfolio of Shariah compliant investments that provides positive impact on the sustainable development of society</li><li>want to have portfolio with global exposure; and</li><li>are prepared to accept moderate level of volatility</li></ul>	Fund Management Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Sustainable Fund</li><li>Up to 1.6% p.a fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd</li></ul>

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity related securities	Islamic money market instruments, placement of Islamic deposit and / or held in cash
Minimum 70% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Maximum 30% of NAV

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## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Information Technology	33.83%
Health Care	29.28%
Industrials	20.90%
Financials	6.69%
Communication Services	6.00%
Consumer Discretionary	1.58%
Cash & Others	1.46%

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Microsoft Corp	6.66%
Nvidia Corp	6.27%
Alphabet Inc-CI A	6.00%
Schneider Electric Se	5.20%
Boston Scientific Corp	5.15%

## PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Nomura Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund - MYR Class A ("target fund") with the objective to achieve long-term capital growth.

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

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	9.38	-4.38	-9.49	-3.15	17.25	N/A	36.60
<b>Benchmark</b>	6.57	-3.00	-8.79	-5.33	16.65	N/A	45.72

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

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

(%)	2023
<b>Target Fund</b>	<b>31.18</b>

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

## FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

With US Fed announcement of a 50bps rate cut in the September FOMC meeting, US market officially exited its tightening cycle which lasted for 2 years. We expect additional rate cuts to be gradual into 2025 as inflation continue to moderate. Against resilient economic backdrop, investors reacted positively allocating more into riskier assets such as equity while rotating out of defensive assets such as treasury and cash. The optimism was evidenced by S&P 500 and STOXX Europe 600 recording another all-time high. Going forward in the near term, we think market focus would be on Q3 earnings season to gauge the economic and business strength while remain cautious about recession risk.

By region, EU underperformed with negative monthly performance in USD basis as compared to other regions such as NA and APAC that have delivered positive monthly performance. This has dragged down the fund performance given its overweight position. By sector, Healthcare was the weakest as market switched to slight risk on mode and rotated out of Healthcare. In addition, fund underperformance was attributed to selection in IT and underweight allocation in Consumer Discretionary.

The top contributors to the relative performance were Pentair and Johnson Control. Pentair pool business was traded favourably by the market as the Company is expected to have more positive business outlook in a rate cut environment. On the other hand, the bottom contributors to the relative performance were Novo Nordisk and AstraZeneca. Both large cap pharmaceutical companies underperformed as both released clinical trial data readout for their respective drugs Molunabant (Novo Nordisk) and Dato DXd (to be below market expectations). While market has priced in lower confidence on the drug from this disappointing data, we remain cautiously optimistic and look forward for more data in Q4 2024 to support more positive drug pipeline impacts on the company earnings in the outer years.

## RISKS

All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

<b>Returns not guaranteed</b>	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.
<b>Market risk</b>	The value of an investment will decrease or increase due to changes in market factors i.e. economic, political or other events that impact large portions of the market. Market risk cannot be eliminated, hence the target fund's investment portfolio may be prone to changing market conditions that may result in uncertainties and fluctuations in the value of the underlying of the target fund's investment portfolio, causing the NAV or prices of units to fluctuate.
<b>Inflation risk</b>	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 nominal value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.
<b>Manager's risk</b>	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Nomura which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Nomura as a result of incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weakness in operational process and systems may adversely affect the performance of the target fund. In order to mitigate this risk, the implementation of internal controls and a structured investment process and operational procedures has been put in place by Nomura.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

<p><b>Country risk</b></p>	<p>The investment of the target fund may be affected by risk specific to the country in which it invests in. Such risks include changes in the country’s economic, social and political environment. The value of the assets of the target fund may also be affected by uncertainties such as currency repatriation restrictions or other developments in the law or regulations of the country in which the target fund invest in.</p>
<p><b>Reclassification of Shariah Compliance Status</b></p>	<p>Shariah-compliant securities and instruments held by the target fund are subject to periodic review by the SAC of the SC, SAC of BNM, the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or the Shariah Adviser. These securities may be reclassified as non-compliant during such reviews and the target fund may need to take the necessary steps to dispose of such security or instrument, upon the advice of the Shariah Adviser. Consequently, the target fund may realise some losses in the disposal of the same or there may be opportunity loss for the target fund as the target fund may not be permitted to retain excess capital gains derived from such disposal.</p>
<p><b>Currency Risk</b></p>	<p>As the Base Currency is denominated in USD and the currency denomination of the Classes may be denominated in other than USD, the Classes not denominated in USD are also exposed to currency risk. Any fluctuation in the exchange rates between USD and the currency denomination of the Class (other than Classes denominated in USD) will affect the Unit Holder’s investments in those Classes (other than Classes denominated in USD). The impact of the exchange rate movement between the Base Currency and the currency denomination of the Class (other than Classes denominated in USD) may result in a depreciation of the Unit Holder’s holdings as expressed in the Base Currency.</p> <p>In order to manage currency risk, Nomura may employ currency hedging strategies to fully or partially hedge the foreign currency exposure of the target fund’s investments and/or the Classes not denominated in USD. Currency hedging may reduce the effect of the exchange rate movement for the Class being hedged but it does not entirely eliminate currency risk between the Class and the Base Currency. The unhedged portion of the Class will still be affected by the exchange rate movements and it may cause fluctuation of NAV of the Class. You should note that if the exchange rate moves favourably, the Class will not benefit from any upside in currency movement due to the hedging strategy. In addition, hedging is subject to a minimum size of entering into a hedging contract and the cost of hedging will be borne by the hedged class and may affect returns of the hedged class.</p>
<p><b>Default Risk</b></p>	<p>Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a money market instrument either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the money market instruments. If the financial institution which the target fund places deposits with defaults in payment or become insolvent, the target fund may also suffer capital losses with regards to the capital invested and interest foregone, causing the performance of the target fund to be adversely affected This could affect the value of the target fund as up to 20% of the NAV of the target fund will be invested in Islamic deposits, Islamic money market instruments and/or held in cash.</p>

**Source : Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd**  
**Date : 30 September 2024**

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