

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

May 2023



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	307,318 units (31 May 2023)	Fund Size	RM336,218 (31 May 2023)
Unit NAV	RM1.0940 (31 May 2023)	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	98.68%
Cash	1.32%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	17.16%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	15.99%
Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd	11.87%
Maybank Islamic Bhd	11.71%
RHB Islamic Bank Bhd	9.89%
AmBank Islamic Bhd	9.63%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	8.24%
Al Rajhi Bank Malaysia Bhd	7.59%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	5.94%
Alliance Islamic Bank Malaysia Bhd	0.66%
Total	98.68%

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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 2023:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	1.42	0.28	0.86	1.69	2.80	6.17	9.40
Benchmark	1.15	0.25	0.71	1.39	2.58	6.23	10.72

* 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 0.28% in the month of May 2023 which was outperforming the benchmark by 3bps and delivered 2.80% in the 12-months period ending 31 May 2023, outperforming the benchmark by 22bps.

Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) unexpectedly raised its Overnight Policy Rate (“OPR”) to 3.00% (+25bps) in its latest MPC meeting on 3 May 2023. The hike came after two consecutive pauses in Jan and March, and it was justified on resilient demand. BNM warned that the balance of risk to the inflation outlook is tilted to the upside and remains highly subject to changes to domestic policy including subsidies and price controls. BNM also stated that it is timely to further normalize the degree of monetary accommodation with the domestic growth prospects remain resilient, and household spending would be supported by the further labor market improvements.

Malaysia’s headline inflation moderated further to +3.3% in April (from +3.4% in March), its slowest pace since June 2022. The moderation was primarily driven by slower increase in prices for food and non-alcoholic beverages. Malaysia reported a better-than-expected GDP growth of 5.6% for 1Q23 (vs 7% in 4Q23), with the bulk of the growth primarily came from private consumption, rising 5.9% YoY. The strong consumption sentiment has also reflected in a continued steaming service sector, which was expanded by 7.3% YoY for 1Q23.

Ringgit was weaker against USD with USDMYR surging to a high of 4.64, underperforming most Asia FX in May 2023. BNM issued a statement to address market concerns, stating that the weak Ringgit was primarily due to the ongoing developments in the global financial markets, which include the US debt ceiling impasse and episodes of stress in the US and EU banking sectors which has led to an increase in demand for safe-haven assets such as USD. In the statement, BNM clarified that the weak Ringgit performance against the USD is not a reflection of the state of the economy.

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 : *31 May 2023*

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