

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund

May 2023



## FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

## FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	19 April 2021	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	11.73 million units (31 May 2023)	Fund Size	RM 10.55 million (31 May 2023)
Unit NAV	RM0.8994 (31 May 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad	Target Fund	United-i Global Balanced Fund MYR Hedge class
Benchmark	50% S&P Global BMI Shariah Index + 50% Dow Jones Sukuk Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ seek an investment that provides income and capital appreciation;</li> <li>▪ have a moderate risk tolerance;</li> <li>▪ want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles; and</li> <li>▪ want to have investment with global exposure.</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund.</li> <li>▪ Up to 1.8% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad.</li> </ul>

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Sukuk & Islamic Money Market Instruments	Shariah-compliant Equities	Others
Min 40%; Max 60%	Min 40%; Max 60%	Remaining Balance

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## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)

Technology	16.19%
Consumer Products	10.22%
Health Care	8.95%
Industrial Products	4.81%
Telecommunication Services	4.08%
Materials	2.38%
Energy	2.07%
Real Estate	1.00%
Financials	0.51%
Utilities	0.35%
Total	50.57%

## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)

Government	13.07%
Financials	10.12%
Infrastructures & Utilities	9.88%
Telecommunication	2.77%
Property & Real Estate	1.96%
Mining & Petroleum	1.05%
CIS	0.82%
Transportation & Logistics	0.82%
Energy	0.70%
Basic Materials	0.18%
Total	41.37%

## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

Equity	50.57%
Bonds	41.37%
Cash	8.06%
Total	100.00%

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)

Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
KSA SUKUK	2.969	29/10/29	1.39
SAUDI ELECTRICITY GLOBAL SUKUK	4.723	27/09/28	1.17
KSA SUKUK	4.303	19/01/29	1.15
PERUSAHAAN PENERBIT SSBN	4.150	29/03/27	1.14
KSA SUKUK	3.628	20/04/27	1.12

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)

MICROSOFT ORD	3.65%
ALPHABET CL A ORD	2.41%
AMAZON COM ORD	2.40%
APPLE ORD	2.25%
META PLATFORMS CL A ORD	1.21%

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**PERFORMANCE RECORD**

This fund feeds into United-*i* Global Balanced Fund MYR hedged Class ("target fund") with the objective to provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 May 2023:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Years	3-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	3.92	-0.85	2.58	1.71	0.27	N/A	-10.06
<b>Benchmark</b>	7.04	0.24	4.43	4.82	2.22	N/A	-2.40

\* 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**

**Equity**

Weak selection in industrials and materials was offset by selection in information technology, health care and consumer discretionary. On a regional basis, weak stock selection in Japan and United Kingdom was partially offset by selection in Emerging Markets and Developed EU & Middle East ex UK. Within communication services and information technology, our top relative contributors were overweights to Alphabet and Advanced Micro Devices, respectively. Within industrials and materials, our top relative detractors were overweights to TechnoPro Holdings and FMC, respectively. Shares of Alphabet surged after the company made several AI announcements at its I/O developer conference, including "AI Snapshot", which integrates generative AI results directly on top of Google's search results, and the incorporation of generative AI capabilities across its product suite. The stock benefitted further from news that Samsung would not replace Google with Bing as the default search engine on its smartphones. Shares of TechnoPro Holdings ended the period lower after the technology-focused staffing and services company reported third quarter operating income at the end of April that missed analyst expectations. Management cited higher bonus related payments in addition to costs as a result of delays between hiring and deployment of less experience hires due to training as drivers of lower margins compared to 3Q22.

**Sukuk**

Overall, the sukuk sleeves underperformed benchmark at 1.38, driven by corporate and industrial sectors. Sa Global Sukuk Lt 06/2031 was the main contributor whereas Maf Sukuk Ltd 05/2029 was the main detractor. We maintain our strategy in defensive position while ensure desirable return to the portfolio. Our credit exposure where GCC region accounted by 49.03%, Saudi Arabia (SA) (23.17%), United Arab Emirates (UAE) (21.05%), Qatar (3.46%) and Kuwait (1.35%). Our exposures in Malaysia and Indonesia are 35.79% and 15.17% respectively.

## RISKS

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

### 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.

### Manager's Risk

This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by UOBAM which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by UOBAM as a result of an 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.

### 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 or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the target fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the target fund to fall.

### Credit and Default Risk

Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and /or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed may impact the value as well as liquidity of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or Islamic deposits. In the case of rated Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and financial institutions, this may lead to a credit downgrade.

Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a Sukuk, Islamic money market instrument or a financial institution where the Islamic deposits are placed either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits. This could adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. When interest rates rise, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. Meanwhile, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments with longer maturities and lower profit rates are more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Equity Risk**

As the target fund will be investing in Shariah-compliant equities, the target fund will be affected by equity risk. Generally, equity risk may arise in the following forms, i.e., equity risks related to external factors and equity risks related to company-specific factors. All of these related equity risks can adversely affect the prices of equities, which would negatively impact the performance of the target fund.

**Country Risk**

The target fund is also subject to country risk. The value of the assets of the target fund may also be affected by the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund may invest in. Further, when investing in foreign markets, there are countries which may require prior approvals before investments can take place.

**Source : UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad**  
**Date : 31 May 2023**

**Disclaimer:**

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