

FUND OBJECTIVE

An income and absolute return focused fund that aims to provide regular income stream through investment in sukuk and Shariah-compliant equities.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	9.72 million units (28 August 2020)	Fund Size	RM12.09 million (28 August 2020)		
Unit NAV	RM1.2443 (28 August 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	Affin Hwang Aiiman Select Income Fund		
Benchmark	70% 12-month Maybank General Investment Account (GIA) + 30% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index (FBMSHA)	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a moderate risk appetite Expect incidental growth in capital Want an investment that complies with Shariah requirements	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia AIIMAN Select Income Fund. 1.2% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by by Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad. 		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND					
Sukuk & Islamic Money Market Instruments	Shariah-compliant Equities	Cash & Others			
Min 60%; Max 100%	Min 0%; Max 40%	Remaining Balance			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Sukuk	60.10%		
Consumer Services	11.00%		
Technology	10.90%		
Financials	5.10%		
Health Care	4.90%		
Telecommunications	2.60%		
Industrials	1.50%		
Cash & Cash Equivalent	3.90%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)				
Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%	
Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd	5.95%	23.08.34	4.6	
WCT Holdings Bhd	5.80%	27.09.49	4.2	
MEX II Sdn Bhd	5.90%	27.04.29	4.0	
YTL Power International Bhd	5.05%	03.05.27	3.4	
Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd	4.53%	01.04.27	3.4	
TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)				
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd				
Tencent Holdings Ltd				
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufac				
Supermax Corp Bhd				
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd				

PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Affin Hwang AIIMAN Select Income Fund ("target fund") with the objective to provide investors with regular income stream through Shariah-compliant investments. The target fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of Sukuks, Shariah-compliant equities and Islamic money market instruments.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia AIIMAN Select Income Fund versus its benchmark as at 28 August 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	4.26	0.41	3.91	6.59	11.69	28.03	24.43
Benchmark	4.58	-0.48	6.42	5.51	8.70	18.46	16.10

^{*} 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 broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index closed 3.0% higher in August. The local market bucked regional trend with the benchmark KLCI falling 5.3% as profit-taking activities dragged down the index as well as a tepid earnings season.
- Data released during the month include a 3.1% y-o-y increase in July exports), a widening of trade surplus to RM25.2billion and manufacturing PMI which moved higher at 50.0 in July.
- The MYR Fixed Income market had a weaker month despite the weaker than expected 2Q GDP number. Government bond saw disappointing auctions though the corporate bond market continues to see good buying demand throughout all ratings as investors continue their search for yields.
- Foreign inflows slowed slightly in July to MYR7.1bil. Total foreign holding of MYR debt stood at MYR205.99bil as at end July. Foreign share of GII outstanding remained at 5.8%.
- Consumer prices contracted in July with CPI printing at -1.3% y-o-y. The slight improvement from -1.9% in June was attributed to the transport component, as retail pump prices rose due to improvement in global commodity prices as demand partially recovers.
- STRATEGY: During the month, the fund's positioning leans towards a neutral to slightly long duration bias.
- The fund reduced fixed income exposure to 60%, selling off some longer dated government sukuk while adding to positions in selected longer dated credits. Equity exposure was maintained at 35%.
- We expect domestic yields to remain low in the long-run in line with global yields. Furthermore, the decline in deposit rates may lead to potential inflows into the bond market.
- We aim to re-enter into government sukuk and quasi sovereigns once the market stabilizes and buy at a higher yield. For credits, we continue to prefer primary offerings for better entry levels as there will be a huge supply of new issuances.
- We will continue to be selective in our credit selection and only invest in good corporates. We are starting to invest in lower rated corporates as businesses are back operating to normal.

RISKS

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

Credit/Default risk

This risk concerns with issuers of Sukuks and Islamic money market instruments. The risk arises when an issuer is unable to service any coupon payments or pay the principal amount upon maturity. If such defaults were to occur, the target fund will record significant losses with respect to the NAV and will also be forced to forfeit any coupon entitlements. For Islamic money market instruments, the risk is that the issuers of such instruments may not make timely payment of interest and principal. In the event of any default in the payment of the interest and principal, the value of the target fund may be adversely affected. The management of credit risk is largely accounted for by Affin Hwang's management of issuer-specific risk. This refers to the emphasis on credit analysis conducted to determine issuer's or guarantor's ability to service promised payments.

Counterparty risk

This risk concerns with the target fund's investment in Shariah-compliant derivatives where the other party in an agreement may default on the terms of the agreement. Generally, counterparty risk can be reduced by emphasis on credit analysis of the counterparty to determine its creditworthiness.

Interest rate risk

Prices of Sukuks are subject to interest rate fluctuations. Generally, movement in interest rates affects the prices inversely. For example, when interest rates rise, prices of Sukuks will fall. The fluctuations of the prices of Sukuks will also have an impact on the NAV of the target fund. This risk can largely be eliminated by holding the Sukuks until their maturity. Affin Hwang also manages interest rate risk by considering each Sukuk's sensitivity to interest rate changes as measured by its duration. When interest rates are expected to increase, the target fund would then likely seek to switch to Sukuk which have a lower duration and are less sensitive to interest rate changes.

Equity investment risk

The buying and selling of equities carry a number of risks. The most important being the volatility of the capital markets on which those securities are traded and the general insolvency risk associated with the issuers of equities. The value of an equity investment also depends on its earnings potential, sound management, treatment of minority shareholders, as well as a myriad of other factors. Failure to achieve the expected earnings would result in declining investment value which in turn affects the performance of the target fund. This risk could be mitigated by diversifying the target fund's portfolio. Affin Hwang will employ stringent stock selection criteria which would effectively filter its stock components to equities which can provide income to the target fund.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises in two scenarios. The first is where an investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the investment to be sold below its fair value.

Currency risk

Whilst the target fund is denominated in RM, investments in countries other than Malaysia will cause the target fund to be exposed to currency risks.



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Regulatory risk	The investments of the target fund will be exposed to changes in the laws and regulations in the countries the target fund is invested in. These regulatory changes pose a risk to the target fund as it may materially impact the investments of the target fund. In an effort to manage and mitigate such risk, Affin Hwang seeks to continuously keep abreast of regulatory developments (for example, by closely monitoring announcements on regulators' website and mainstream medias) in that country. Affin Hwang may dispose its investments in that particular country should the regulatory changes adversely impact the unit holders' interest or diminish returns to the target fund.				
Country risk	Since the investments for the target fund may consist of investments issued in various countries in addition to Malaysia, the foreign investment portion of the target fund may be affected by the risks specific to the countries in which it invests. Such risks include changes in a country's economic fundamentals, changes in social and political stability and foreign investment policies, which may have an adverse impact on the target fund's investments.				
Reclassification of Shariah status risk	This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities by the target fund may be reclassified to be Shariah non-compliant. If this occurs, then the value of the target fund may be adversely affected and Affiin Hwang will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities in accordance with the advice from the Shariah Adviser.				

Source : Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

Date : 28 August 2020

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