

FUND OBJECTIVE

Aims to achieve consistent capital appreciation over a medium to long-term by investing in equities and other approved investments, which harmonise with Islamic philosophy and laws.

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 December 2009	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	23.14 million units (30 September 2024)	Fund Size	RM47.35 million (30 September 2024)
Unit NAV	RM2.0459 (30 September 2024)	Target Fund	AHAM Aiiman Growth Fund (FKA Affin Hwang Aiiman Growth Fund)
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	AHAM Asset Management Berhad	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Benchmark	FBM Emas Shariah Index (FBMS)	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
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a medium to long term investment horizon Are risk tolerant Seek higher returns on the investment that comply with Shariah requirements 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund. Up to 1.5% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the Target Fund's NAV by AHAM Asset Management Berhad.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant equities	Islamic money market instruments, Islamic deposits and / or cash
Minimum of 70% to maximum of 100% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Maximum of 30% of NAV

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Industrials	42.20%
Financials	21.70%
Utilities	6.90%
Telecommunications	6.70%
Technology	5.80%
Basic Materials	3.40%
Health Care	2.90%
Consumer Discretionary	2.10%
Energy	1.90%
Cash And Cash Equivalent	6.50%
Total	100.0%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Gamuda Bhd	8.20%
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	5.00%
Axiata Group Bhd	4.60%
ITMAX SYSTEM Bhd	4.50%
SP Setia Bhd Group	4.20%
Axis Real Estate Invst Trust	4.20%
Solarvest Holdings Berhad	3.60%
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	3.40%
IJM Corporation Bhd	3.40%
Frontken Corp Bhd	3.10%
Total	44.20%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

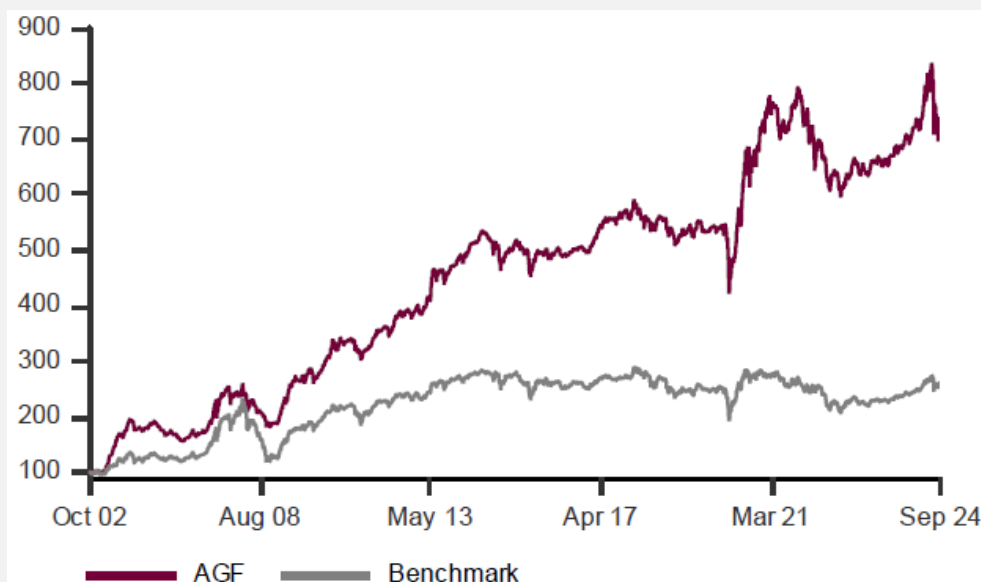
This fund feeds into AHAM Aiiaman Growth Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve consistent capital appreciation over a medium to long-term by investing in equities and other approved investments, which harmonize with Islamic philosophy and laws.

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

%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	6.87	-0.73	7.72	-5.05	32.95	39.83	104.59
Benchmark	11.43	-0.34	12.60	-0.92	4.05	-7.13	45.38

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

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



Source: MorningStar

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- In Malaysia, the benchmark KLCI fell by 1.80%. Market movements were largely shaped by the strengthening Ringgit, which benefited importers—particularly in the consumer sector. On the flipside net exporters, such as technology and glove stocks, experienced declines. On the economic front, Malaysia's inflation rate for August came in at 1.9% y-o-y, marking a 4-month low. The moderation was largely driven by slower inflation in services and non-durable goods. Looking ahead, we expect inflation to remain stable within Bank Negara Malaysia's (BNM) guidance range of 2%-3%. BNM kept the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.00% during its policy meeting. Moving forward, the central bank anticipates growth to be supported by factors such as the global tech upcycle, robust tourism spending, and accelerated investment projects. However, BNM flagged external demand as a key downside risk to economic growth.
- In broader news, it was a relatively quiet week apart from the Barisan Nasional party, one of the Madani Government's coalition partners, retaining the Mahkota seat in Johor with a substantial majority of 20,648 votes, as reported by The Edge. This result is viewed as a positive development for the incumbent government.
- Malaysia's King, Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar is seeking funding from Chinese investors for a multibillion-dollar revival of the high-speed rail (HSR) project between Malaysia and Singapore, according to Bloomberg. The project has faced challenges, particularly with securing financing due to its significant scale and long gestation period for returns. However, if China does provide the funding, we anticipate that local contractors may not see significant benefits, as observed in the ongoing East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project, which is being constructed by the China Communications Construction Company Ltd (CCCC).
- On other news front, Oracle announced plans to invest over USD \$6.5 billion to establish its first public cloud facility, while Google broke ground for its USD \$2 billion data centre in Elmina. These developments are likely to benefit local subcontractors, with awards expected to be announced in 4Q'2024. All eyes are now on the upcoming tabling of Budget 2025 on 18 October, where potential new taxes may be introduced. Among the possibilities highlighted by Utusan Malaysia are unhealthy food tax, carbon pricing, highvalue goods tax, AI Tax and inheritance tax—though the latter is seen as unlikely. We also anticipate further details on the government's subsidy rationalisation efforts, particularly regarding petrol subsidies, as well as new measures aimed at promoting home ownership.
- On the corporate front, the Sarawak State Government increased its stake in Affin Bank Berhad from 4.81% to 31%, acquiring the shares from Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera (LTAT) and its subsidiary, Boustead Holdings Bhd, according to Bloomberg.

STRATEGY:

- Trimmed our holdings in Tenaga to raise some cash.
- We made some strategic purchases of Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad, driven by positive sentiment following China's stimulus announcements.
- We continue to focus in the property, construction, utilities, and export sectors. We selectively nibbled on quality property, tech as well as telco recently; and
- Positioning remains focused in growth and cyclicals to capitalise on the improved market sentiment. About 30% of the fund are in defensives / yield to anchor against volatility.

RISKS

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

Market risk	Market risk arises because of factors that affect the entire marketplace. Factors such as economic growth, political stability and social environment are some examples of conditions that have an impact on businesses, whether positive or negative. Market risk cannot be eliminated by diversification. It stems from the fact that there are economy-wide perils which threaten all businesses. Hence, investors will be exposed to market uncertainties and no matter how many Shariah-compliant securities are held, fluctuations in the economic, political and social environment will affect the market price of the Shariah-compliant investments either in a positive or negative way.
Fund management risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by AHAM Asset Management berhad which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by AHAM Asset Management berhad 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, fraudulence, dishonesty or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.
Performance risk	There is no guarantee in relation to the investment returns.
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.
Liquidity risk	Liquidity risk arises in two scenarios. The first scenario is where the target fund's investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the target fund's investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the target fund's investment to be sold below its fair value which would adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.
Credit/Default risk	Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the investment (Islamic money market instruments) and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuers may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investment. In the case of rated investments, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk of an issuer of the investment either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investment. This could adversely affect the value of the target fund.
Equity investment risk	This is the risk associated with investing in a particular equity. The value of individual equity is mainly determined by its potential growth in earnings, sound management, and treatment of minority shareholders, as well as a myriad of other factors. Failure to achieve these would result in declining investment value which in turn affects the performance of the target fund. This can be mitigated by diversifying the target fund's portfolios.

RISKS (CONTINUED)

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 in the periodic review of the equities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC), the Shariah Adviser for the target fund or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices.

If this occurs, AHAM Asset Management Berhad will take the necessary steps to dispose of such equities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant equities. AHAM Asset Management Berhad will be required to dispose of these equities immediately if the prices are above the purchase price. Should the prices be below the purchase price, AHAM Asset Management Berhad may choose to hold on to these holdings until the prices meet the purchase price. Nevertheless, should AHAM Asset Management Berhad decide to dispose of these equities below the purchase price, the target fund will be faced with the risk of realising its losses, thus negatively impacting the NAV of the target fund.

Shariah-compliant warrants investment risk

The value of the Shariah-compliant warrants (“warrants”) will depend on the pricing of the underlying security whereby the growth and performance prospect of the underlying security would consequentially affect the value of the warrants. In addition, the value of the warrants may decrease exponentially as the warrants approach its maturity date and the potential gains from a favourable price movement of the underlying security may be offset by aggressive time decay. AHAM Asset Management Berhad may consider unwinding these warrants if there are material adverse changes to its value with the aim to mitigate the risk.

Source : AHAM Asset Management Berhad
Date : 30 September 2024

Disclaimer:

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