

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund April 2015

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

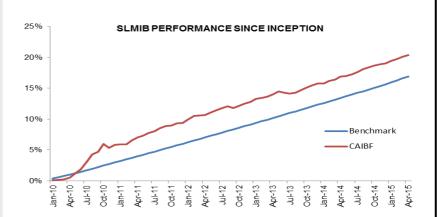
The objective of the fund is to provide returns in income mainly through Malaysian Shariah-compliant bonds and other Shariah-compliant fixed income securities.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	01 December 2009					
Domicile	Malaysia					
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia					
Launch Price	RM1.0000					
Units in Circulation	4.0200 million units (30 April 2015)					
Fund Size	RM4.8397 million (30 April 2015)					
Unit NAV	RM1.2039 (30 April 2015)					
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)					
Fund Manager	Sun Life Malaysia Takaful Berhad					
Benchmark	CIMB Islamic 1-Year Fixed Return Income Account-i (FRIA-i) at effective date					
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  Have a medium to long term investment horizon  Are seeking stability in income through investment in primarily in Malaysian Shariah-compliant fixed income securities  Are looking for a less volatile investment but can accept lower returns which may fluctuate over the short term					
Fees	Management fee: 1.000% p.a.					

ASSET ALLOCATION						
Bonds/ Debentures	80% - 98%					
Cash	Up to 20%					

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS					
Corporate Bond	93.6%				
Cash & Others	6.4%				
Total	100.0%				

### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**



## **NAV TO NAV**

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1- Year	3- Year	Since Inception
Fund*	1.11	0.24	0.77	1.46	2.99	8.75	20.39
Benchmark	1.10	0.28	0.83	1.61	3.09	9.24	16.94

\*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's performance for the month of April was 0.24% as compared to its benchmark of 0.28%.

Sovereign bonds rallied in April as Ringgit led most emerging Asian currencies to strengthen against the Dollar following soft US economic data. Throughout the month, there was strong foreign demand for the short-end of the curve due to cheaper implied funding for offshore players to run carry trades. Meanwhile, trading volume for corporate bonds in April saw RM14.7billion worth of transactions concluded in the market, 13.6% higher than the previous month's RM13 billion in transactions. Focus was mainly in the government guaranteed ("GG") as market players continue to demonstrate caution with more issuances slated in the pipeline. Credit spreads widened for the long end while the short end saw credit compression.

The next Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting on 7th May 2015 is expected to see Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") keeping its Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.25%. However, market is expected to scrutinize the Monetary Policy Statements ("MPC") closely for any signs of monetary policy change in the near term. Nonetheless, we expect BNM to maintain the OPR at its current level barring any Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth shocks, despite rate cuts by other central banks in the region.

With the support in the sovereign bonds, we expect credit spread to tighten as players switch into corporate bonds as alternative to sovereign bond. As such, we aim to be fully invested with concentration on selective corporate bonds for yield pickup.

#### Disclaimer:

The benchmark performance is not a guide to future performances which may differ. The performance of the fund is not guaranteed. The value of the fund will fluctuate and may fall below the amount of premiums paid and the fund value depends on the actual performance on the underlying investment.

Any income distribution from the underlying assets of the investment-linked fund will be automatically reinvested into the respective investment-linked fund. The policy owner's total number of units will not change as a result of the reinvestment.