Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund January 2020

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve moderate capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	393,945 units (31 January 2020)	Fund Size	RM388,623 (31 January 2020)			
Unit NAV	RM0.9865 (31 January 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds			
Benchmark	30% Quantshop GII Medium Index + 20% CIMB Islamic 1-month Fixed Return Income Account-I (FRIA-i) + 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Want a balanced portfolio that includes Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund. Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad. 			

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Mutual Funds	Cash			
92.46%	7.54%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Mutual Funds	92.46%		
Cash	7.54%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity Fund	45.23%	
CIMB Islamic Sukuk Fund	23.87%	
CIMB Islamic Enhanced Sukuk Fund	23.36%	
Total	92.46%	



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve moderate capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 January 2020:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-1.08	-1.08	-0.61	0.57	4.18	N/A	-1.35
Benchmark	-1.24	-1.24	-0.37	-0.47	2.87	N/A	0.25

^{*} 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

In January, the Fund declined 1.08%, in line with the Benchmark. Within Equities, materials and energy contributed to the outperformance while Health Care was a detractor.

The MSCI AC Islamic Asia ex Japan fell in January amidst the Coronavirus outbreak in Hubei, which has thrown the economic recovery in Asia into disarray. Most equity markets posted negative returns except for Australia and India. Apart from the escalation in political conflict between US and Iran in the early part of the year, volatility emanating from political situations is expected to be low as the US is entering into a Presidential election year and impeachment charges out of the way.

For regional equities, we are fully invested and taking the opportunity to add structural names with good management and strong business moats in light of the Coronavirus outbreak and its knee-jerk reaction from the stock market. We think the situation is under control as the outbreak is not showing exponential growth typical of an epidemic gone out of control. We continue to diversify the portfolio into off-benchmark names to provide resilience. Although there is risk of further earnings downgrade, arising from the BNM's policy rate cut and potential slowing global economy, but after assessing all factors, we are off the opinion that the downside risk of KLCI is limited. Hence we will BUY on weakness and maintain our barbell approach on high yield stocks and take the opportunity to accumulate selective stocks within the plantation, construction and oil and gas sectors. On sectors which will specifically be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, we will tactically underweight the aviation sector while take the opportunity to trade the glove and healthcare sectors.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 January 2020

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