## Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

December 2024



### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund aims to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, whilst maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposits placements that comply with the Shariah principles.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH**

Please refer to the Yearly Fund Fact Sheets at <a href="https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/">https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/</a> for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach of the target fund.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	18 January 2019	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	2.51 million units (31 December 2024)	Fund Size	RM2.89 million (31 December 2024)	
Unit NAV	RM1.1508 (31 December 2024)	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income	
Performance Benchmark	Islamic Interbank Overnight Rate	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	
Target Market	Suitable for investors:  Seek liquid and low risk investment with a short-term investment horizon  Want a Shariah-compliant investment  Seek for security and flexibility in investment	Fund Management Fee	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund</li> <li>Up to 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd</li> </ul>	

### **ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND**

Deposits
Cash
Minimum 95% of Net Asset Value (NAV)
Maximum 5% of NAV

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Shariah-compliant Money Market	95.90%	
Cash	4.10%	
Total	100.00%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	2.41%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	1.78%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	1.65%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	1.27%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	1.27%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	1.27%
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Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	1.27%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	1.01%
Total	14.47%

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#### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

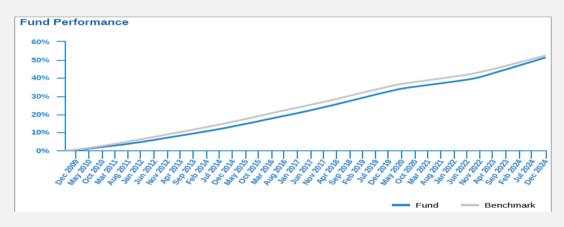
This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI ("target fund") with the objective to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, while maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposit placements with licensed Islamic financial institutions that comply with Shariah principles.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 December 2024:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	3.25	0.29	1.60	3.25	8.88	12.83	15.08
Benchmark	3.08	0.26	1.54	3.08	8.40	12.61	16.15

<sup>\*</sup> 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: Lipper

#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

The Fund delivered 0.29% in December 2024 which was equally performed the benchmark and delivered 3.25% in the 12-months period ending 31 December 2024, outperforming the benchmark by 17bps.

In November, headline inflation declined to 1.8% (October 2024: 1.9%), while core inflation remained stable at 1.8% (October 2024: 1.8%). The lower headline inflation was largely due to a continued downtrend in mobile communication services inflation, which declined to -11.4% (October 2024: -5.2%) during the month. This was partly offset by higher inflation for food away from home (4.8%; October 2024: 4.1%) and streaming services (8.9%; October 2024: 5.3%).

Malaysia's trade surplus widened to MYR 15.3 billion in November 2024 from a marginally revised MYR 12.1 billion in the same month of 2023, easily surpassing market estimates fora gain of MYR 9.1 billion. It was the largest trade surplus since September 2023, as exports grew more than imports for the first time since December 2021. Exports rose by 4.1% yoy to MYR 126.6 billion, accelerating from a 1.6% rise in October and beating estimates of 1.3%, mainly driven by sales of manufacturing (5.2%) and agriculture (13.4%), while mining &quarrying tumbled (-17.3%). Meantime, imports grew by 1.6% to MYR 111.3 billion, the softest growth in a year and less than forecasts of 4.2%, primarily due to rises in intermediate goods (12.7%) and consumption goods (3.5%), as demand for capital goods plunged (-10.0%).

We limit our investment exposure to short-term deposit placements due to the very low risk nature of the Fund.

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RISKS		
Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is NO GUARANTEE on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the target fund's investment objective will be achieved.	
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.	
Financing risk	This risk occurs when you obtain financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with money obtained from financing includes you being unable to service the financing payments.	
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Principal which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by Principal as a result of an incorrect view of the market 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, the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or the Shariah adviser of the issuer.	
Credit and default risk	Investment of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal aim to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.  Investment in the target fund is not the same as placing funds in a Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed Islamic financial institution. There are risks involved and investors should rely on their own evaluation to assess the merits and risks when investing in the target fund.	

Source : Principal Asset Management Berhad

Date : 31 December 2024

#### Disclaimer:

This is strictly the performance of the investment fund, and not the returns earned on the actual takaful contributions paid of the investment-linked product. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The performance of the fund is not guaranteed. The value of the fund will fluctuate and may fall below the amount of contributions paid and the fund value depends on the actual performance of the underlying investment. This material is for information purposes only and is subject to change at any time without notice. Sun Life Malaysia does not guarantee its accuracy, completeness, correctness or timeliness for any purpose or reason. This information should not be considered as advice or recommendation in relation to your account or particular investment objectives, financial situation or needs. You may not revise, transform, or build upon this material without prior written consent of Sun Life Malaysia. Before acting on any information you should seek independent financial advice. Sun Life Malaysia may suspend the unit pricing and defer the payment of benefits, other than death and total and permanent disability benefits, subscription or redemption of units, switching of funds, under this contract for a reasonable period in exceptional circumstances, such as and including intervening events resulting in temporary closure of any stock exchange.