

Sun Life Malaysia

AIIMAN Select Income Fund

January 2023



FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with regular income stream through Shariah-compliant investment.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	15.89 million units (31 January 2023)	Fund Size	RM19.11 million (31 January 2023)
Unit NAV	RM1.2027 (31 January 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	AHAM Asset Management Berhad (FKA 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	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have a moderate risk appetiteExpect incidental growth in capitalWant an investment that complies with Shariah requirements	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia AIIMAN Select Income Fund.Up to 1.2% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by AHAM 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

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND	
Utilities	19.2%
Industrials	17.1%
Financial Services	10.5%
Telecommunications	8.8%
Energy	7.6%
Technology	6.1%
Real Estate	5.4%
Consumer Discretionary	4.9%
Financials	4.7%
Consumer Staples	4.5%
Banks	4.3%
Others	3.3%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.7%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)			
Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
Celcom Networks Sdn Bhd	5.27%	28.10.26	4.3
MMC Corp Berhad	5.64%	27.04.27	4.3
Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd	5.95%	23.08.34	4.2
WCT Holdings Bhd	5.80%	27.09.49	4.2
UiTM Solar Power Sdn Bhd	6.00%	26.04.30	4.1
TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)			
Link REIT			2.2%
Swire Pacific Limited- CL A			2.2%
Tencent Holdings Ltd			2.1%
TIME dotCom Berhad			1.7%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd			1.6%

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 31 January 2023:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	2.56	2.56	3.19	-0.30	1.30	6.05	20.27
Benchmark	0.56	0.56	2.01	0.57	4.19	4.23	14.77

* 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 MSCI Asia ex-Japan climbed 8.2% lifted by tailwinds surrounding China's reopening. The MSCI China index closed up 12.3% in January as the country reopened its international borders for the first time after 3 years of COVID closures. With massive pent-up demand waiting to be unleashed, we could see a strong uplift to growth as consumption returns.
- It was a more muted start for the local market with the benchmark KLCI barely unchanged at -0.60%. There was mild selling pressure seen across Bursa on the back of profit taking after the typical year end window-dressing activities.
- Malaysian bonds rallied during the month in line with lower UST yields and after BNM's MPC delivered a surprise pause during its January meeting. The MPC decided to pause and monitor effects of the past 100bps hike, a cautious approach on the back of rising risk of a global recession. 10-year ended the month lower at 3.81% (-28 bps).
- Malaysia bond market saw outflows of MYR0.9 billion in December marking MYR9.8 billion of total outflows for full year 2022. Nonetheless, recent outflows are mainly from Discount Instruments with inflows of MYR2.2 billion and MYR0.5 billion seen in MGS and GII respectively during the month. Foreign holdings of MGS and GII amount to 34.6% and 8.5% of outstanding issuances.
- Demand for corporate bonds returned as investors start to add position for the New Year. January recorded RM4.04 billion of new primary issuance. Generic corporate bond yield curves also shifted lower, driven by positive sentiment and rally momentum in the sovereign bond market. Nonetheless, credit spreads widened due to lagged effect as MGS yields declined more than corporate bonds during the month.

STRATEGY:

- Entering 2023, we maintain a positive outlook for the year as weaker growth globally and domestically are conducive for fixed income investments. Our outlook is also supported by better clarity of terminal rates in Developed Economies and stable political landscape in Malaysia. However, investors would have to live with dynamic inflation expectations and hawkish central banks throughout the year.
- The fund's fixed income exposure was reduced to around 69%, while equity exposure was kept at around 28%. For equities, we are positive on banks, which we expect to see healthy loans growth and improving asset quality. We continue to like technology companies, where we see attractive value emerging after the recent heavy selloff, driven by structural growth trends (e.g. 5G, EV, solar energy).
- For our Fixed income strategy, we are positioned as such:
Rates strategy:
 - We will trade on volatility given our range bound view, aim to buy on weakness.
 - We are mindful of less attractive levels following rally since November 2022 and larger government bonds net supply in February.

Credit strategy:

- Prioritise liquidity and quality (AAA rated).
- Demand higher illiquidity premium for less liquid names during primary issuances.
- In the secondary market, to seek out strong fundamentally-sound names and companies that work towards ESG goals.

Duration strategy:

- Neutral duration (1x duration band) in the near-term.

RISKS

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

Manager's Risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Affin Hwang which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Affin Hwang 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, fraudulent, dishonesty or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.
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.
Credit/Default risk	Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the investment (Sukuk and Islamic money markets instruments) and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit 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.
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	<p>Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk. When interest rates rise, Sukuk's prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in Sukuk. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. In order to mitigate interest rate risk, Affin Hwang will need to manage the debt portfolio taking into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the Sukuk.</p> <p>Note: Interest rate is a general indicator that will have an impact on the management of the target fund regardless of whether it is a Shariah-based fund or otherwise. It does not in any way suggest that the target fund will invest in conventional financial instruments.</p>
Stock Specific Risk	Prices of a particular Shariah-compliant stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such Shariah-compliant stock will adversely affect the target fund's NAV.
Shariah-compliant warrants investment risk	The value of the Shariah-compliant 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 Shariah-compliant warrants. In addition, the value of the Shariah-compliant warrants may decrease exponentially as the Shariah-compliant warrants approach their maturity date and the potential gains from a favourable price movement of the underlying security may be offset by aggressive time decay. Affin Hwang may consider unwinding these Shariah-compliant warrants if there are material adverse changes to its value with the aim to mitigate the risk.

RISKS (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises in two scenarios. The first scenario 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 which would adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.

Currency risk

As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.

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

Investments of the target fund in any country may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund invests in. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the target fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the target fund to fall.

Reclassification of Shariah status risk

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equities in 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 or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Affin Hwang 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. Affin Hwang 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, Affin Hwang may choose to hold on to these holdings until the prices meet the purchase price. Nevertheless, should Affin Hwang 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.

Source : AHAM Asset Management Berhad

Date : 31 January 2023

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