

### 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	904,039 units (30 October 2020)	Fund Size	RM934,718 (30 October 2020)
Unit NAV	RM1.0339 (30 October 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	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Want a balanced portfolio that includes Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk</li> <li>Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.5% p.a. of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul>

### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Mutual Fund	Cash
94.89%	5.11%

### SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Mutual Fund	94.89%
Cash	5.11%
Total	100.00%

### TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Principal DALI Equity Fund	47.35%
Principal Islamic Lifetime Enhanced Sukuk Fund	23.88%
Principal Islamic Lifetime Sukuk Fund	23.66%
Total	94.89%

## 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 30 October 2020:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	3.67	-0.59	-1.14	7.81	4.16	N/A	3.39
<b>Benchmark</b>	5.92	-0.39	-2.35	9.72	6.86	N/A	7.30

\* 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 fell by 0.59% in October 2020, underperforming the benchmark by 0.20%. On a Year-to-date basis, the fund has underperformed the Benchmark by 2.25%. The Fund will stay fully invested in target funds.

Main economic highlights for October will be the implementation of Conditional MCO (“CMCO”) in Sabah, Selangor, Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur due to the resurgence of Covid cases in these states. The National Security Council (“NSC”) decided to allow all economic sectors in the Klang Valley to continue operating as usual under strict compliance of standard operating procedures. PM Muhyiddin assured the public that there will not be another total lockdown as this would have a significant impact on Malaysia’s economic and social systems but said the govt will enforce Targeted Enhanced MCO (“TEMCO”) in high-risk areas. Despite assurance that all economic sectors will be allowed to operate during the implementation of CMCO or TEMCO, productivity and consumer sentiment and spending will be affected, and impact can only be seen in the coming months. Unemployment recorded a marginal increase of 0.5% MoM (Jul: 0.6%) to 15.15mn ppl in Aug but with the CMCO in Klang Valley and Sabah, it is expected that unemployment number to increase in the coming months. Declining PMI for a 3rd consecutive months to 49.0 in Sep20 could be an early signs of a downward pressure to the economy in the coming months.

We reiterate our cautious view on the local market perspective driven by the resurgence of Covid cases globally and domestically. Earlier hope for rapid recovery in 4Q2020 may now be pushed further into 1Q or 2Q of 2021. Heighten volatility in the coming months present a good opportunity to position all portfolios for 1H2021. For equity strategy, sector in focus will be on Technology, Healthcare, Telecommunication and Commodity-related. We will continue to reduce our overweight on Plantation And REITs.

For fixed income strategy, as we approach the last quarter and market have turned more cautious ahead of the Budget 2021 and US election, we recommend taking profit and lighten some positions in the sovereign segment especially on the shorter part of the curve and move to credits for better yield pick-up. Any sell off in the market is opportunity to buy as yields are expected to stay range bound. We continue to selectively participate in the corporate bonds segment with strong and stable fundamentals.

## RISKS

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

<b>Returns not guaranteed</b>	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 fund's investment objective will be achieved.
<b>General market environment risk</b>	Market risk refers to the possibility that a Shariah-compliant 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 fund's NAV.
<b>Inflation risk</b>	This is the risk that your investment in the wholesale 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.
<b>Manager's risk</b>	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the fund by the manager which will impact the performance of the fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by the manager, as a result of an incorrect view of the market may adversely affect the performance of the fund.
<b>Financing risk</b>	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.
<b>Reclassification of Shariah status risk</b>	This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities in the fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the SAC of the SC, Shariah adviser of the issuer, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices.
<b>Risk associated with investing in Islamic CIS</b>	Since the Fund will invest entirely into Islamic CIS, there is a risk of concentration into Islamic CIS, in which the Islamic CIS's management company has absolute discretion over the Islamic CIS's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the Islamic CIS and/or the management company, the NAV of the Fund, which invests into those Islamic CIS would be affected negatively. Should the situation arise, we will seek for another Islamic CIS that is consistent with the objective of this Fund.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Country risk**

The Fund may invest into Islamic CIS which can be domiciled in various countries. Therefore, the Fund will be subjected to risks specific to the countries in which the Islamic CIS are domiciled in. Such risks include adverse changes in economic fundamentals, social and political stability, laws and regulations and foreign investments policies. These factors may be an adverse impact on the prices of the Islamic CIS, which will depress the Islamic CIS's NAV growth, and consequently depress the Fund's NAV growth.

**Currency risk**

As the Fund may invest into Islamic CIS denominated in currencies other than MYR, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between MYR and the currencies in which the Islamic CIS are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the Islamic CIS are denominated depreciate against MYR, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund in MYR and vice versa. 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.

**Source :** *Principal Asset Management Bhd*

**Date :** *30 October 2020*

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