

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund

November 2024



## FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH

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

## FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	19 April 2021	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	15.90 million units (29 November 2024)	Fund Size	RM15.72 million (29 November 2024)
Unit NAV	RM0.9887 (29 November 2024)	Target Fund	United- <i>i</i> Global Balanced Fund - MYR hedge Class
Fund Manager	UOB Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Performance Benchmark	50% S&P Global BMI Shariah Index + 50% Dow Jones Sukuk Index	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ seek an investment that provides income and capital appreciation</li><li>▪ have a moderate risk tolerance</li><li>▪ want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles</li><li>▪ want to have investment with global exposure</li></ul>	Fund Management Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund</li><li>▪ Up to 1.8% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by UOB Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd.</li></ul>

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant equities	Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments or placement of Islamic deposit	Unrated Sukuk
40% - 60% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	40% - 60% of NAV	Up to 20% of NAV

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)	
Financials	15.58%
Government	12.85%
Infrastructures & Utilities Transportation & Logistics	10.88%
Telecommunication	2.66%
Transportation & Logistics	1.17%
CIS	1.05%
Property & Real Estate	0.92%
Energy	0.46%
Total	45.57%
Utilities	0.15%
Mining & Petroleum	0.04%
Total	49.98%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)	
Financials	14.83%
Government	13.71%
Infrastructures & Utilities	9.58%
Telecommunication	2.50%
Property & Real Estate	1.93%
Transportation & Logistics	1.08%
CIS	0.96%
Energy	0.43%
Total	45.33%

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	
Equity	49.98%
Bonds	45.02%
Cash	5.00%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)			
Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
KSA SUKUK	296.90%	29/10/2029	1.9
SAUDI ELECTRICITY GLOBAL SUKUK KSA SUKUK	472.30%	47023	1.55
KSA SUKUK	415.00%	47137	1.55
PERUSAHAAN PENERBIT SSBN	430.30%	46475	1.53
KSA SUKUK	362.80%	46497	1.51

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)	
NVIDIA ORD	3.55%
MICROSOFT ORD	3.15%
APPLE ORD	3.08%
AMAZON COM ORD	2.54%
ALPHABET CL A ORD	2.12%

**PERFORMANCE RECORD**

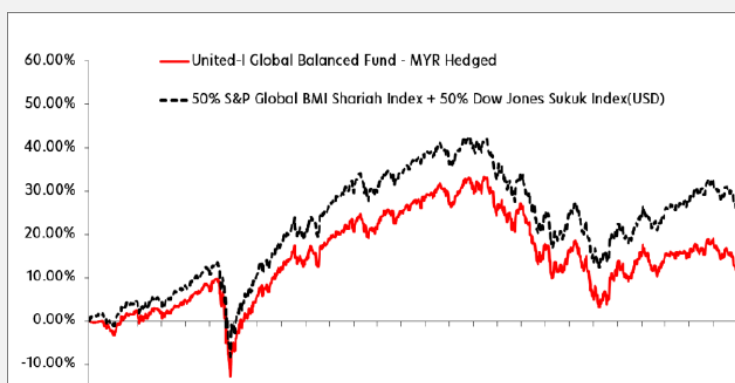
This fund feeds into United-*i* Global Balanced Fund -MYR hedge Class ("target fund") with the objective to provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund versus its benchmark as at 29 November 2024:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	6.29	0.70	0.56	3.55	9.24	-2.50	-1.13
<b>Benchmark</b>	12.11	1.77	2.82	7.70	16.34	9.89	17.61

\* 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: UOBAM(M)

**FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

**Equity**

The portfolio outperformed the index for the month. Strong selection in information technology, consumer staples and health care was modestly offset by selection in communication services and energy. On a regional basis, strong stock selection in North America and Developed EU & Middle East ex UK was partially offset by selection in United Kingdom and Emerging Markets.

Within information technology and consumer staples, our top relative contributors were overweights to Shopify and e.l.f. Beauty, respectively. Within energy and communication services, our top relative detractors were not owning Chevron and an overweight to Alphabet, respectively.

Shopify is a cloud-based e-commerce platform for online stores and retail point-of-sales systems. The share price rose in November after management announced strong 2Q24 results and issued guidance that exceeded expectations. Strength in the international merchants segment fueled revenue growth as the company continued to capture market share. Shares of Chevron ended the period higher after the multinational oil and gas producer reported revenue and earnings for the third quarter that exceeded expectations as strong production in the Permian Basin helped offset weaker crude prices.

**Sukuk**

The sukuk sleeve underperformed its benchmark by 42bps (Sukuk recorded a negative return of 0.09% vs benchmark of 0.33%), Government agency contributed positively to the portfolio while industrial were the detractors. Khazanah Global Sukuk were the main contributors while Telekom Malaysia were the main detractors.

**RISKS**

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

<b>General market environment Risk</b>	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.
<b>Inflation Risk</b>	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.
<b>Manager's Risk</b>	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by UOBAM which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by UOBAM 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 or weakness in operational process and systems may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.
<b>Reclassification of Shariah non-compliant status Risk</b>	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 or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the target fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the target fund to fall.
<b>Credit and Default Risk</b>	<p>Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and /or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed may impact the value as well as liquidity of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or Islamic deposits. In the case of rated Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and financial institutions, this may lead to a credit downgrade.</p> <p>Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a Sukuk, Islamic money market instrument or a financial institution where the Islamic deposits are placed either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits. This could adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.</p>
<b>Interest Rate Risk</b>	Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. When interest rates rise, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. Meanwhile, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments with longer maturities and lower profit rates are more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Equity Risk**

As the target fund will be investing in Shariah-compliant equities, the target fund will be affected by equity risk. Generally, equity risk may arise in the following forms, i.e., equity risks related to external factors and equity risks related to company-specific factors. All of these related equity risks can adversely affect the prices of equities, which would negatively impact the performance of the target fund.

**Country Risk**

The target fund is also subject to country risk. The value of the assets of the target fund may also be affected by 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 may invest in. Further, when investing in foreign markets, there are countries which may require prior approvals before investments can take place.

**Source : UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad**  
**Date : 29 November 2024**

**Disclaimer:**

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