Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund

November 2020

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	4.41 million units (30 November 2020)	Fund Size	RM4.72 million (30 November 2020)	
Unit NAV	RM1.0707 (30 November 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of Funds	
Benchmark	50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index + 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income	
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Have a high risk profile and seek for potentially higher but more volatile investment return 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 Aggressive Fund. Up to 1.8% p.a. of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad. 	

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Mutual Fund	Cash	
95.88%	4.12%	

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Mutual Fund	95.88%	
Cash	4.12%	
Total	100.00%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Principal Islamic Asia Pac Dynamic Eq Fund	38.47%	
Principal Islamic Enhanced Opportunities Fund	28.81%	
Principal DALI Equity Fund	28.60%	
Total	95.88%	



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

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

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 November 2020:

%	YTD	1M	3 M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	10.61	3.76	3.34	15.48	14.07	N/A	7.07
Benchmark	13.44	3.16	2.44	17.06	17.84	N/A	6.41

^{*} 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 November, the Fund rose by 3.76%, outperforming the Benchmark by 0.60% led by China. Year-to-date, the Fund rose by 10.61%, underperforming the Benchmark by 2.83%.

The global economic recovery appears intact heading into 2021 with most major economies posting encouraging PMI levels above 50. 2021 will be the year where we will witness mass rollout of Covid vaccines and begin the process of immunization, which in our view is likely continue until 2022 especially for countries with large populations. Nevertheless, the world has begun to live with Covid as seen in normalizing economic indicators from the depressed levels in Q2 this year. The vaccine rollout will only hasten the normalization process that will serve as a major positive backdrop for equities.

We are positive on Asian equities with a view that the rally would broaden out in 2021. We are highly invested and favour growth-oriented stocks. Recently, we have increased positions in energy, airport and Chinese industrial automation as reopening plays. We would be looking out for more ideas that will benefit from the broadening out of growth in the upcoming year. As for Malaysia, The approval of 2021 Budget by the Parliament was the biggest short-term positive development that would help to alleviate political risk in Malaysia. With major headwinds (US Presidential Election and Malaysia Budget 2021) are now being addressed and cheap valuations, we are now cautiously optimistic for 1H2021. Earlier hope for rapid recovery in 4Q2020 may be dented (due to resurgence of COVID-19 globally) but we are now confident of a sustainable economic recovery in 1H2021. As a result, we will continue with our high AA of 90-95% and focusing on post Covid19 recovery theme. Sector in focus for will be on Consumer, Technology and Commodity-related (weakening of USD), whilst at the same time reducing our position on the Healthcare and REIT sectors.



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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 fund's investment objective will be achieved.
General market environment risk	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.
Inflation risk	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.
Manager's risk	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.
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.
Reclassification of Shariah status risk	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.
Risk associated with investing in Islamic CIS	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.



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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 November 2020

Disclaimer:

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