

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

February 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.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	18 January 2019	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	0.65 million units (29 February 2024)	Fund Size	RM0.73 million (29 February 2024)
Unit NAV	RM1.1208 (29 February 2024)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI
Benchmark	Islamic Interbank Overnight Rate	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek liquid and low risk investment with a short-term investment horizon Want a Shariah-compliant investment. Seek for security and flexibility in investment. 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund. Up to 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant Money Market	97.30%
Cash	2.70%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

RHB Islamic Bank Bhd	2.31%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	2.31%
AI Rajhi Bank M Bhd	2.31%
AmBank Islamic	2.19%
AmBank Islamic	2.14%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	1.84%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	1.73%
AI Rajhi Bank M Bhd	1.73%
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AI Rajhi Bank M Bhd	1.61%
Total	19.90%

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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 29 February 2024:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.56	0.29	1.62	3.33	7.46	12.08	12.08
Benchmark	0.49	0.24	1.51	3.00	7.22	12.59	13.24

* 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 delivered 0.29% in February 2024, which was outperforming the benchmark by 5bps, and delivered 3.33% in the 12-months period ending 29 February 2024, outperforming the benchmark by 33bps.

The final GDP print showed 4Q2023 GDP growth at 3% YoY, lower than 3.4% indicated by the advance estimate. The full year 2023 GDP growth was thus revised to 3.7% as compared to the government’s projection of 4-5% growth. Falling exports amid rising imports were the main cause of the downward revision. The decline in net exports deepened further to -35.6% YoY in 4Q (3Q: -22.7% YoY) arising from a larger drop in exports of goods and services (-6.3% YoY) as compared to imports (-2.9% YoY). Overall, the 2023, growth moderated due mainly to slower global trade, the global tech downcycle, geopolitical tensions and tighter monetary policies.

Headline inflation stabilized for the third straight month at 1.5%YoY in January 2024 (December 2023: 1.5%). Slower increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages and easing restaurants and hotels largely offset stronger price pressures for transport and housing and utilities. Meanwhile, core inflation tapered off to 1.8% YoY in January from 1.9% in December 2023. Exports grew for the first time since March 2023 at 8.7% YoY in January 2024 (December 2023: -10.1%) exceeded market expectations by 3%. The improvement was mainly driven by turnaround in manufacturing and commodities exports. Manufactured exports rebounded as supported by growth in non-E&E exports and smaller contraction in E&E exports. Increase in commodities exports was spurred by higher palm oil exports. Geographically, exports to US grew at 11.9% YoY in January (December 2023: -5.3% YoY) while exports to ASEAN also turned around with a 9.5% YoY increase (December 2023: -12.6%YoY). Meanwhile, imports continued to grow for the fifth straight month at 18.8% YoY in January (December 2023: 2.9%). Overall, trade surplus stood at RM10.1 billion in January, smallest surplus since May 2020, with the growth in imports outpaced exports.

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

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Source : *Principal Asset Management Berhad*

Date : *29 February 2024*

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