

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

September 2021



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	298,132 units (30 September 2021)	Fund Size	RM313,816 (30 September 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.0526 (30 September 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund
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 0.45% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Money Market	96.52%
Cash	3.48%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

RHB Islamic Bank Bhd	18.87%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	18.76%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	18.68%
Maybank Islamic Bhd	11.79%
AmBank Islamic Bhd	11.64%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	9.20%
Affin Islamic Bank Bhd	4.06%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	3.52%
Total	96.52%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Deposit Fund (“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 30 September 2021:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	1.20	0.13	0.40	0.79	1.57	N/A	5.26
Benchmark	1.30	0.14	0.44	0.86	1.75	N/A	6.71

* 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 0.13% in the month of September 2021, in-line with the benchmark, and delivered 1.57% in the 12-months period ending 30 September 2021, underperforming the benchmark by 18bps.

Daily COVID-19 cases declined in September 2021 and amounted to 12,700 cases by end-September 2021. The vaccination progress has also been very encouraging with 64% of the total population fully vaccinated. Most sectors have been reopened, and we expect 4Q2021 GDP to rebound from the current low.

Headline CPI moderated slightly to +2.0% YoY in August 2021, slightly below market estimate of 2.2%. Most price categories saw stable to low inflation, reflected in the softer core CPI. These readings reinforced market’s view of subdued inflation, as price pressure caused by supply tightness was cushioned by benign demand amid still cautious consumer sentiments.

In the 12th Malaysia Plan announced by PM Ismail Sabri, RM400bil (or 4% GDP) of development expenditure will be allocated to drive GDP growth of 4.5 - 5.5% from now until 2025. However, this will also cause the fiscal deficit to stay until 2025, with an expected range of 3.0 - 3.5% of GDP (2020: -6.8% fiscal deficit/ GDP). Aside from the fiscal budget, funding for major on-going projects may lean on bonds issued by government-owned-companies, unless other financing models are tapped.

BNM kept policy rate unchanged in the September 2021 meeting, with expectations for a relatively subdued 2022 core CPI signaling a bias for policy to stay accommodative and extended pause for now as the current pace of vaccination move closer to BNM’s “faster recovery” scenario. With the MPC reiterating data-dependence, we tentatively see the first hike commencing in 2H2022 as the recovery broadens and labor market slack diminishes.

We limit our investment exposure to short-term Islamic 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 : *30 September 2021*

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