

Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Moderate Fund November 2020

FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide a balanced exposure into equities and bonds.

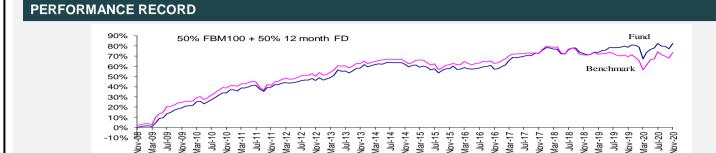
FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	9.12 million units (30 November 2020)	Fund Size	RM16.52 million (30 November 2020)	
Unit NAV	RM1.8105 (30 November 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	50% FBM100 + 50% 12 month FD	
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee	
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Want a balanced portfolio between equities and bonds Are risk neutral between bonds and equities	Fees	The fund will feed into Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund and Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund which applies the following fund management charges: Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund: 1.5% p.a. Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund: 1.0% p.a. There are no other fund management charges on this fund	

ASSET ALLOCATION			
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund		
50.00%	50.00%		

WHERE THE FUND INVES	TS			
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	Cash	Total	
49.87%	49.93%	0.20%	100.00%	

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%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.84	2.90	1.99	5.54	15.78	36.23	82.54
Benchmark	1.36	3.27	2.44	0.75	7.44	25.18	73.75

^{*} 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 2020, the Fund's performance increased by 2.90%, underperforming the benchmark by 0.37%.

The FTSE Bursa Malaysia Composite Index ("KLCI") rebounded to close higher MoM but failed to stay above 1,600 level due to month end MSCI Quarterly index rebalancing trade. The FBM KLCI ended the month higher by 96 points or 6.5% MoM. Positive catalysts for the market were the successful test trials of several covid19 vaccines and passing of the 2020 Budget by parliament which kept the PN government in power. Sector wise, Energy +24.0%, Transport +15.7%, Finance +15.0% were the top performers for the month, while PBK +23.9%; MAY +18.0% and CIMB +15.8% were the top performing stocks. The govt has proposed a 2021 Budget of RM322.5bn (+2.5% YoY) or 20.4% of GDP, Of the total, Operating Expenses amounted to RM236.5bn (+4.3%), development expenditure of RM69bn (+38% YoY) and COVID-19 fund of RM17bn. GDP projected to rebound sharply in 2021 by 6.5-7.5% in 2021 (vs -4.5% in 2020). After a challenging year, all signs are signaling a buoyant 2021 for the energy sector as Covid-19 vaccine progress continues and policy remains extremely supportive. Construction was one of the beneficiaries seen out of the budget.

In Nov-20 MPC meeting, BNM has decided to maintain its OPR at 1.75% as BNM sounded upbeat and optimistic in the recovery of the global and domestic economies. BNM expects Malaysia's growth for 2020 to be within the earlier forecasted range of -3.5 to -5.5% and considers the current stance of the monetary policy to be "appropriate and accommodative". Malaysia's Budget 2021 was passed at its policy stage via a majority voice vote on 27th November 2020 with additional measures/amendments including a further loan moratorium for the B40 and micro SMEs and the expansion of i-Sinar facility to include all EPF members whose income has been affected persons from by the pandemic. 3Q GDP rebounded to +2.7% YoY as against the 2Q GDP's contraction of 17.1% and market consensus of -4.0% YoY. The improvement was aided by positive contribution from the manufacturing sector driven mainly by strong E&E production activity, pick up in government consumption and the turnaround in net exports.



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RISKS

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

Market risk is the risk of negative movement that affects the price of all assets in a particular capital market. The factors influencing the performance of the markets include:
 Economic and financial market conditions Political change Broad investor sentiment Movements in interest rate and inflation Currency risks
Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities and performance of individual companies and general market or economic conditions. Such movements in the underlying values of the share of the investment portfolio will cause the NAV or prices of units to fall as well as rise. Market risk is mitigated through careful selection of securities and diversification through spreading of risk across a basket of assets and/or sectors.
Interest rates are inclined to fluctuate over time. A rise in the general level of interest rates will result in a decline of the value of all bonds and fixed interest securities. Hence a bond fund's NAV will most probably decrease with the rise of interest rates. Maintaining an appropriate diverse mix of assets with different yield and maturity profiles will lessen the impact of interest rate risk.
Liquidity risk is defined as the ease with which a security can be sold at or near its fair value depending on the volumes traded on the market. Liquidity risk is mitigated through the selection of stocks with an active trading volume in the open market. This ensures that exit strategies can be executed with little/minimal impacts to price fluctuations.
There are many specific risks, which apply to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a company of losing a key executive or the unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market. The risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.
Credit risk refers to an issuer's ability to make timely payments of profit and principal. In the event that the issuer of the instrument is faced with financial difficulties, leading to a decrease in their credit worthiness (i.e Bond prices will change/drop in the event of rating downgrade) and default in the payment of profit and principal, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. Credit risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 30 November 2020

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