

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

November 2022



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

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| Launch Date | 18 January 2019 | Domicile | Malaysia |
| Currency | Ringgit Malaysia | Launch Price | RM1.0000 |
| Units in Circulation | 314, 935 units (30 November 2022) | Fund Size | RM338, 817 (30 November 2022) |
| Unit NAV | RM1.0758 (30 November 2022) | 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 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd. |

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

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| Time / Term Deposit | 100.00% |
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TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

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| RHB Islamic Bank Bhd | 16.79% |
| Maybank Islamic Bhd | 16.44% |
| Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd | 14.12% |
| Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd | 13.92% |
| Public Islamic Bank Bhd | 7.94% |
| CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd | 7.70% |
| AmBank Islamic Berhad | 7.00% |
| Alliance Islamic Bank Malaysia Bhd | 6.65% |
| Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd | 5.25% |
| Alliance Islamic Bank Malaysia Bhd | 2.45% |
| Al Rajhi Bank M Bhd | 1.74% |
| Total | 100.00% |

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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 November 2022:

| % | YTD | 1M | 3M | 6M | 1-Year | 3-Years | Since Inception |
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| Fund* | 1.79 | 0.21 | 0.61 | 1.09 | 1.93 | 5.71 | 7.58 |
| Benchmark | 1.92 | 0.22 | 0.64 | 1.18 | 2.07 | 6.14 | 9.22 |

* 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 0.21% in the month of November 2022, which was underperforming the benchmark by 1bps, and delivered 1.93% in the 12-months period ending 30 November 2022, underperforming the benchmark by 14bps.

At its last meeting of the year in early November, the Monetary Policy Committee (“MPC”) of Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) increased the Overnight Policy Rate (“OPR”) by another 25 basis points to 2.75%. This marks the third rate hike seen for the year. The ceiling and floor rates of the corridor of the OPR are correspondingly increased to 3.00% and 2.50%, respectively. BNM states that the MPC decided to further adjust the OPR to pre-emptively manage the risk of price pressures against the backdrop of continued positive growth prospects for the local economy. They also mentioned that the MPC is not on any pre-set course, and any further decisions is dependent on evolving conditions and their implications on the overall outlook to domestic inflation and growth.

The Malaysia economy recorded a robust growth of 14.2% YoY in 3Q2022 (2Q2022:8.9%, consensus: 12.5%) bringing the YTD growth to 9.3% YoY. The strong growth was achieved on the back of strong domestic demand, favourable employment market and ongoing policy support. BNM opines that the economy will continue to expand albeit at a more moderate pace in 4Q2022. It is noted that GDP growth for 2022 was revised up by MoF recently to 6.5-7.0% from 5.3-6.3% earlier.

Malaysia’s inflation rate eased for the second consecutive month to 4.0% YoY in October (September: 4.5% YoY). The slight moderation in inflation was attributed to the slower price gains across all key categories except for food, education and recreation & culture. Core inflation, however, rose slightly from 4.0% to 4.1% in October.

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

RISKS

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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 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 November 2022

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