

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve moderate capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	637,413 units (30 July 2020)	Fund Size	RM667,633 (30 July 2020)
Unit NAV	RM1.0474 (30 July 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds
Benchmark	30% Quantshop GII Medium Index + 20% CIMB Islamic 1-month Fixed Return Income Account-I (FRIA-i) + 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have a long-term investment horizon ▪ Want a balanced portfolio that includes Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk ▪ Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund. ▪ Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Mutual Funds	Cash
96.66%	3.34%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Mutual Funds	96.66%
Cash	3.34%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Principal DALI Equity Fund	49.10%
Principal Islamic Lifetime Enhanced Sukuk Fund	23.91%
Principal Islamic Lifetime Sukuk Fund	23.65%
Total	96.66%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds (“target fund”) with the objective to achieve moderate capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

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

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	4.86	5.23	9.05	6.01	6.62	N/A	4.58
Benchmark	8.58	6.48	12.66	10.07	9.36	N/A	9.73

* 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 rose by 5.23% in July 2020, underperforming the benchmark by 1.25%. Year-to-date (YTD), the fund has underperformed the Benchmark by 3.72%. The Fund will stay fully invested in target funds.

Politics will remain the biggest uncertainty for the market. Sabah State Election will be the first litmus test for PN given the slim majority of the current government. Any change in government will lead to policy uncertainty which is a dampener for the market in the short term. On the economic side, the government has decided to provide further financial support to individuals financially affected by Covid-19 and has announced a 3-month extension to the loan repayment moratorium for those who lost their jobs this year due to the pandemic. Key commodities for such as Crude Palm Oil and Gold have rallied on the back of weakening USD. The DXY Index slumped by 4.15% in July and 3.16% YTD. MYR has also appreciated against the USD by 1.1% to MYR4.2393. Historically, weakness in DXY would be positive for commodities and Emerging Market.

We are turning cautious on small- and mid-cap stocks following recent rally and advise taking profit. On the big cap space, the benchmark index will continue to be driven almost entirely by the glove sector. Although we believe there is still leg in the glove rally, risk-reward is more balanced now after YTD rally and therefore advise to reduce portfolio position by 1-1.5%. The Malaysian equity market could also be susceptible to broader base correction particularly on concern of political uncertainty (domestic and US), but we believe any broad base correction will unlikely to re-test Mar’s low given the supportive monetary and fiscal stimulus. Focus sectors will be on Plantation, Financials/Bursa and Oil & Gas.

For Sukuk strategy, we continue to prefer corporate sukuk with stable fundamentals and aim to participate in new issuances, when possible. We aim to be fully invested and continue to overweight on duration.

RISKS

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

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.

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 July 2020*

Disclaimer:

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