

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Sustainable Fund

December 2023



FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve long-term capital growth.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	01 June 2022	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	2.22 million units (29 December 2023)	Fund Size	RM2.77 million (29 December 2023)
Unit NAV	RM1.2489 (29 December 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Target Fund	Nomura Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund - MYR Class A
Benchmark	Dow Jones Islamic Market Developed Markets Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are seeking long term capital growth; want a portfolio of Shariah compliant investments that provides positive impact on the sustainable development of society; want to have portfolio with global exposure; and are prepared to accept moderate level of volatility. 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Sustainable Fund. Up to 1.6% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Equity Fund	Cash and Others
96.91%	3.09%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Information Technology	30.01%
Health Care	25.13%
Industrials	18.74%
Financials	9.38%
Communication Services	5.78%
Consumer Discretionary	3.91%
Consumer Staples	1.83%
Materials	1.35%
Utilities	0.78%
Cash & Others	3.09%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Microsoft Corp	6.43%
Alphabet Inc-Class A	5.78%
Mastercard Inc - A	5.14%
Astrazeneca Plc	4.66%
Boston Scientific Corp	4.30%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Nomura Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund - MYR Class A ("target fund") with the objective to achieve long-term capital growth.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Sustainable Fund versus its benchmark as at 29 December 2023:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	26.80	2.55	7.20	1.66	26.80	N/A	24.89
Benchmark	34.94	3.58	9.46	5.32	34.94	N/A	36.74

* 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

After a strong November, global developed equity markets extended their gains in the first half of December before trading activities tapered off as approaching the end of 2023. Global Shariah Sustainable Equity Fund MYR Class A managed to deliver +2.55 return for the month. But, it underperformed the benchmark by 103bps as market sided on the risk-off mode where low quality companies and laggards outperformed.

By region, North America was the main drag due to selection. A slightly higher cash level remained a drag on a performing market. By sector, allocation was a positive with no exposure in Energy and overweight in Industrials. This is offset by selection in IT and Healthcare.

The top contributors to performance were Pentair PLC and ASML. On the other hand, the top detractors to performance were Adobe and SAP. In the latest earnings release, Adobe guided Digital Media net new ARR at \$1.9B which missed the street consensus at \$2.0B. In addition, Adobe and Figma entered into a mutual agreement to abandon the \$20B acquisition deal by Adobe mainly due to regulatory pressure. While Figma could be a new competitor down the road, we believe that Adobe is equipped with strong monetization capabilities as a SaaS via Firefly, a generative AI product that was unveiled in March 2023.

Impact focus of the month:

Over the past two years, the team have engaged extensively with Thermo Fisher Scientific's management on the sale of DNA sequencing devices and consumables within the People's Republic of China. The company has engaged proactively on this issue and has now announced that it has halted sales in the regions associated with potential human rights violations. The original allegations of malpractice related to the province of Xinjiang and predated our initial investment. In 2019, Thermo Fisher halted sales of DNA sequencing devices in Xinjiang after it was alleged that the Chinese authorities were using them to build genetic surveillance infrastructure to monitor the Uyghur minority living in the province. Even after sales were officially stopped, the team were concerned that controls were not sufficient and devices were being transferred to Xinjiang from other provinces in China. Engagements with Thermo Fisher supported the view that the company was taking steps to address this and that prior sales volumes in Xinjiang were not sufficient to amount to mass genetic surveillance. In 2022, new concerns emerged around Thermo Fisher's equipment being used in the mass collection of DNA by the Tibetan authorities. The team's engagement with Thermo Fisher resumed focussed around pushing for a halt in sales to the province similar to Xinjiang. Pressure from activists and lawmakers as well as investors seems to have helped persuade the company, and in January 2024 Thermo Fisher confirmed that they had stopped selling DNA technology in the Tibet region.

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 target fund's investment objective will be achieved.
Market risk	The value of an investment will decrease or increase due to changes in market factors i.e. economic, political or other events that impact large portions of the market. Market risk cannot be eliminated, hence the target fund's investment portfolio may be prone to changing market conditions that may result in uncertainties and fluctuations in the value of the underlying of the target fund's investment portfolio, causing the NAV or prices of units to fluctuate.
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 nominal value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Nomura which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Nomura as a result of incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weakness in operational process and systems may adversely affect the performance of the target fund. In order to mitigate this risk, the implementation of internal controls and a structured investment process and operational procedures has been put in place by Nomura.
Country risk	The investment of the target fund may be affected by risk specific to the country in which it invests in. Such risks include changes in the country's economic, social and political environment. The value of the assets of the target fund may also be affected by uncertainties such as currency repatriation restrictions or other developments in the law or regulations of the country in which the target fund invest in.
Reclassification of Shariah Compliance Status	Shariah-compliant securities and instruments held by the target fund are subject to periodic review by the SAC of the SC, SAC of BNM, the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or the Shariah Adviser. These securities may be reclassified as non-compliant during such reviews and the target fund may need to take the necessary steps to dispose of such security or instrument, upon the advice of the Shariah Adviser. Consequently, the target fund may realise some losses in the disposal of the same or there may be opportunity loss for the target fund as the target fund may not be permitted to retain excess capital gains derived from such disposal.

RISKS (CONTINUED)

Currency Risk

As the Base Currency is denominated in USD and the currency denomination of the Classes may be denominated in other than USD, the Classes not denominated in USD are also exposed to currency risk. Any fluctuation in the exchange rates between USD and the currency denomination of the Class (other than Classes denominated in USD) will affect the Unit Holder's investments in those Classes (other than Classes denominated in USD). The impact of the exchange rate movement between the Base Currency and the currency denomination of the Class (other than Classes denominated in USD) may result in a depreciation of the Unit Holder's holdings as expressed in the Base Currency.

In order to manage currency risk, Nomura may employ currency hedging strategies to fully or partially hedge the foreign currency exposure of the target fund's investments and/or the Classes not denominated in USD. Currency hedging may reduce the effect of the exchange rate movement for the Class being hedged but it does not entirely eliminate currency risk between the Class and the Base Currency. The unhedged portion of the Class will still be affected by the exchange rate movements and it may cause fluctuation of NAV of the Class. You should note that if the exchange rate moves favourably, the Class will not benefit from any upside in currency movement due to the hedging strategy. In addition, hedging is subject to a minimum size of entering into a hedging contract and the cost of hedging will be borne by the hedged class and may affect returns of the hedged class.

Default Risk

Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a money market instrument either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the money market instruments. If the financial institution which the target fund places deposits with defaults in payment or become insolvent, the target fund may also suffer capital losses with regards to the capital invested and interest foregone, causing the performance of the target fund to be adversely affected. This could affect the value of the target fund as up to 20% of the NAV of the target fund will be invested in Islamic deposits, Islamic money market instruments and/or held in cash.

Source : Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Date : 29 December 2023

Disclaimer:

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