

FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide a steady income stream over medium to long-term period by investing primarily in bonds and fixed income securities.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	16 January 2018	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	6.19 million units (30 July 2020)	Fund Size	RM7.10 million (30 July 2020)		
Unit NAV	RM1.1474 (30 July 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund		
Benchmark	Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit Rate	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a medium to long term investment horizon Risk averse and conservative	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Select Bond Fund Up to 1.0% per annum fund management charge is applied on the Target Fund's NAV by Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad 		

ASSET ALLOCATION					
Bonds	Cash	Money Market Instruments/Deposits			
Min 70%: Max 100%	Remaining Balance	Min 0%: Max 30%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND					
Banks	20.80%				
Real Estate	20.60%				
Others	10.40%				
Industrials	9.20%				
Government	8.30%				
Financial Services	6.90%				
Oil & Gas	5.60%				
Utilities	3.70%				
Insurance	3.00%				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	11.40%				
Total	100.00%				

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND					
Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%		
Singapore Government Bond	2.88%	01.09.30	2.0		
Yinson Juniper Ltd	7.85%	05.10.49	1.4		
Santos Finance Ltd	5.25%	13.03.29	1.3		
Lafarge Cement Sdn Bhd	5.06%	08.07.22	1.3		
Australia Government Bond	1.75%	21.06.51	1.3		
Eco World Capital Assets Bhd	6.50%	12.08.22	1.2		
UBS Group AG	6.88%	22.03.49	1.1		
BHP Billiton Finance USA Ltd	6.75%	19.10.75	1.1		
Australia Government Bond	2.50%	21.05.30	1.0		
Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd	4.00%	09.12.49	1.0		



PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Affin Hwang Select Bond Fund ("Target Fund") with the objective to provide a steady income stream over medium to long-term period by investing primarily in bonds and fixed income securities.

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

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	3.88	1.17	4.38	2.56	6.31	N/A	14.59
Benchmark	1.44	0.16	0.52	1.18	2.75	N/A	8.16

^{*} 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 Asian credit space fared well as fund flows continued to pour into the region in search for more attractive yields. Credit spreads for regional names saw further compression.
- On the back of robust demand and liquidity, primary issuances showed no signs of slowing down spread out quite evenly between IG and HY names. Demand and participation for these new issuances is strong with an oversubscription for selective names. Trading on the secondary front have also held firm.
- Bank Indonesia cut benchmark interest rate by 25bps to 4.00%, the fourth cut this year to further boost its economy which has been struggling amidst the pandemic. This came following the government's warning of a looming recession.
- MYR Fixed Income market had a strong month after BNM cut the OPR further by 25bps, its fourth consecutive reduction, during the July MPC meeting. The OPR now stands at 1.75% the lowest since the rate was introduced in 2004. The main rationale is to accelerate the economic recovery.
- **STRATEGY**: The fund's invested levels remain at around 90% following strong inflows during the month. We look to gradually deploy cash by participating in primary issuances.
- Took profit on Indonesian government bonds and some AUD bank papers, switching to USD credits. The Fund also increased exposure to government bonds, adding longer dated Australian and Singapore government bonds.
- Portfolio duration increased to 5 years with the view that rates are expected to remain low in the near term given concerns on low growth and a lack of inflationary pressures.
- Technical of the credit market has turned favorable despite rising Covid-19 cases as strong inflows into bond funds were seen as investors look for yield.
- The Fund's FX strategy remains largely unchanged. The Fund exited its Indonesian Rupiah with the expectations of a stronger MYR vs Rupiah.



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This 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.			
Liquidity risk refers to two scenarios. The first is where an investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the investment to be sold below its fair value which would adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.			
Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the bonds or money market instruments (the "Investment") and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer may impact the value as well as liquidity of the Investment and this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk of an issuer of the Investment either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the Investment. This could adversely affect the value of the target fund.			
This risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of bonds or money market instruments (the "Investment"). When interest rates rise, the investment prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the Investment. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall.			
As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. Investors 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.			
Currency risk at the Fund level The impact of the exchange rate movement between the Base Currency of the Fund and the currency of the underlying investments may result in a depreciation of the value of the investments as expressed in the Base Currency of the Fund.			
Currency risk at the Class level. The impact of the exchange rate movement between the Base Currency of the Fund and the currency of the RM Class may result in a depreciation of your holdings as expressed in the Base Currency of the Fund.			

Source : Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

Date : 30 July 2020

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