

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund

September 2024



## FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH

Please refer to the Yearly Fund Fact Sheets at <https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/> for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach of the target fund.

## FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	13.17 million units (30 September 2024)	Fund Size	RM14.92 million (30 September 2024)
Unit NAV	RM1.329 (30 September 2024)	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of Funds
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Performance Benchmark	50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index + 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Frequency and Basis of Unit Valuation	The unit price is determined daily based on value of the holdings in the target fund, net of expenses, divided by the total number of units in that fund
Target Market	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Have a long-term investment horizon</li><li>▪ Have a high risk profile and seek for potentially higher but more volatile investment return</li><li>▪ Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles</li></ul>	Fund Management Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund</li><li>▪ Up to 1.8% p.a. of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad</li></ul>

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Islamic CIS investing predominantly in Shariah-compliant equities	Islamic liquid assets
Maximum 100% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Maximum 5%Maximum 5% of NAV

## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Cash	100%
Total	100.00%

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## PERFORMANCE RECORD

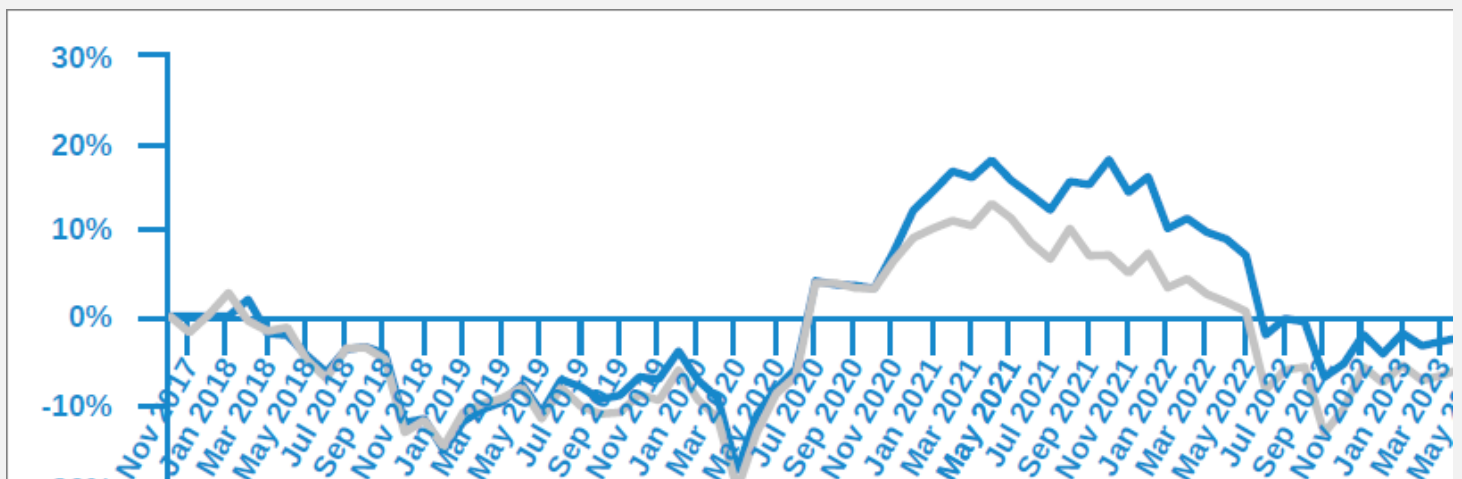
This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of-Funds (“target fund”) with the objective to achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 September 2024:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	7.10	-1.46	-1.29	11.91	-0.68	23.14	13.29
<b>Benchmark</b>	6.66	-2.26	-1.62	11.34	-0.27	20.00	6.68

\* Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Graph below shows the historical performance of the underlying collective investment schemes (CIS) for the calendar year returns:



Source: Lipper

## FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Fund fell 1.46% during the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.80%.

MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index rose 0.9% in US\$ terms in September led by China/ HK SAR post stimulus announcement, Singapore and Thailand while Malaysia and Indonesia were laggards. The US 10-year bond yield declined 12bps to 3.78% while the Dollar Index fell 0.9% during the month. Year-to-date, the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index rose 14.9% in US\$ terms.

In a surprise move, Chinese policymakers announced a series of monetary easing measures and the establishment of a swap facility to support the equity market. The liquidity injection facility of RMB 800bn for the domestic Chinese equity market is noteworthy. Meanwhile, the US monetary policy has now shifted towards a rate cut environment with the US Fed cutting rates by 50bps in September. This should allow central banks in Asia the leeway to reduce rates without worrying about their currencies in the foreseeable future. The US Fed's dotplot is projecting another 150 bps rate cut to 3.1-3.6% by end 2025.

We have a constructive view on Asian equities, with the start of the US rate cutting cycle and positive earnings revision. We are selective in China, especially in domestic oriented companies which have shown signs of turnaround, improving topline and margins, and able to deploy capital efficiently, manage costs and/or can declare high dividend yields.

## RISKS

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

### Market 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.

### 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. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Principal, as a result of an 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 weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.

### Reclassification of Shariah 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), Shariah adviser of the issuer, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Principal will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event that the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed of at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the target fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the target fund or price of units to fall.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Risk associated with investing in Islamic CIS**

Since the target 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 target fund, which invests into those Islamic CIS would be affected negatively. Should the situation arise, Principal will seek for another Islamic CIS that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.

**Country risk**

The target fund may invest into Islamic CIS which can be domiciled in various countries. Therefore, the target fund will be subjected to risks specific to the countries in which the Islamic CIS are domiciled. Such risks include adverse changes in economic fundamentals, social and political stability, laws and regulations and foreign investments policies. These factors may have an adverse impact on the price of the Islamic CIS, which will depress the Islamic CIS's NAV growth, and consequently depress the target fund's NAV growth.

**Currency risk**

As the target 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 target 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 September 2024**

**Disclaimer:**

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