

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund

August 2023



## FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

## FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	19 April 2021	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	12.45 million units (30 August 2023)	Fund Size	RM 11.35 million (30 August 2023)
Unit NAV	RM0.9115 (30 August 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad	Target Fund	United-i Global Balanced Fund MYR Hedge class
Benchmark	50% S&P Global BMI Shariah Index + 50% Dow Jones Sukuk Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ seek an investment that provides income and capital appreciation;</li><li>▪ have a moderate risk tolerance;</li><li>▪ want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles; and</li><li>▪ want to have investment with global exposure.</li></ul>	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund.</li><li>▪ Up to 1.8% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad.</li></ul>

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Sukuk & Islamic Money Market Instruments	Shariah-compliant Equities	Others
Min 40%; Max 60%	Min 40%; Max 60%	Remaining Balance

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## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)

Technology	16.60%
Consumer Products	10.30%
Health Care	8.96%
Industrial Products	5.85%
Telecommunication Services	4.59%
Energy	2.59%
Materials	2.25%
Real Estate	1.06%
Financials	0.59%
Utilities	0.38%
Total	53.17%

## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)

Government	13.54%
Financials	10.18%
Infrastructures & Utilities	9.07%
Property & Real Estate	1.99%
Telecommunication	1.95%
Mining & Petroleum	1.05%
Transportation & Logistics	0.84%
CIS	0.74%
Energy	0.70%
Basic Materials	0.19%
Total	40.27%

## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

Equity	53.17%
Bonds	40.27%
Cash	6.56%
Total	100.00%

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)

Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
KSA SUKUK	2.969	29/10/29	1.38
SAUDI ELECTRICITY GLOBAL SUKUK	4.723	27/09/28	1.16
PERUSAHAAN PENERBIT SSBN	4.150	29/03/27	1.14
KSA SUKUK	4.303	19/01/29	1.11
KSA SUKUK	3.628	20/04/27	1.10

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)

MICROSOFT ORD	3.63%
ALPHABET CL A ORD	2.65%
AMAZON COM ORD	2.63%
APPLE ORD	2.50%
META PLATFORMS CL A ORD	1.23%

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## PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into United-*i* Global Balanced Fund MYR hedged Class ("target fund") with the objective to provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 August 2023:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Years	3-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	5.31	-1.93	1.35	3.96	2.34	N/A	-8.85
<b>Benchmark</b>	10.06	-1.37	2.82	7.37	7.46	N/A	0.35

\* 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

### Equity

Strong selection in consumer discretionary, health care and industrials was partially offset by selection in information technology and materials. On a regional basis, strong stock selection in North America was partially offset by selection in Emerging Markets. Within consumer discretionary and health care, our top relative contributors were overweights to TJX Companies and Eli Lilly, respectively. Within information technology and materials, our top relative detractors were an underweight to NVIDIA and an overweight to FMC, respectively. Shares of TJX Companies rose over the period after reporting second quarter results that beat expectations. The company reported revenue increase to \$12.76 billion for the three months ended July 29 from \$11.84 billion a year ago and EPS of \$0.85 vs. \$0.69 last year. Customer traffic increased at every store location which drove stronger sales during the period. Shares of NVIDIA rose over the period after the chipmaker gave a third-quarter revenue forecast above expectations, indicating that demand for chips used in artificial intelligence computing remains robust. The company also reported second-quarter revenue above estimates, driven by better-than-expected results in its Data Center and Gaming segments.

### Sukuk

The sukuk sleeves underperform its benchmark by 11bps, dragged by volatile fixed income market in August. As the yield soars amid global interest expectations, the sukuk fund performance suffers driven by Industrial down by -22 versus benchmark and Financial sector were down -19 bps against benchmark. Telekom Malaysia and Malaysia Resources Berhad, a MYR denominated paper were the main name that dragged the underperformance.

## RISKS

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

### 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.

### Manager's Risk

This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by UOBAM which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by UOBAM 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 weakness in operational process and systems 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 or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. 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 the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed 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 to fall.

### Credit and Default Risk

Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and /or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed may impact the value as well as liquidity of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or Islamic deposits. In the case of rated Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and financial institutions, this may lead to a credit downgrade.

Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a Sukuk, Islamic money market instrument or a financial institution where the Islamic deposits are placed either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits. This could adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. When interest rates rise, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. Meanwhile, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments with longer maturities and lower profit rates are more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Equity Risk**

As the target fund will be investing in Shariah-compliant equities, the target fund will be affected by equity risk. Generally, equity risk may arise in the following forms, i.e., equity risks related to external factors and equity risks related to company-specific factors. All of these related equity risks can adversely affect the prices of equities, which would negatively impact the performance of the target fund.

**Country Risk**

The target fund is also subject to country risk. The value of the assets of the target fund may also be affected by the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund may invest in. Further, when investing in foreign markets, there are countries which may require prior approvals before investments can take place.

**Source : UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad**  
**Date : 30 August 2023**

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