

### FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve medium to long term capital appreciation through investments primarily in Malaysian bonds.

### FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	31.59 million units (28 August 2020)	Fund Size	RM47.33 million (28 August 2020)
Unit NAV	RM1.4980 (28 August 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	12 month FD
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Fees	Management Fee: 1.0% p.a.
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have a medium to long term investment horizon</li> <li>▪ Want a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities</li> <li>▪ Are looking for a less volatile investment but can accept lower returns</li> </ul>	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee & transaction charge

### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Bonds/Debentures	Cash
80% - 98%	Up to 20%

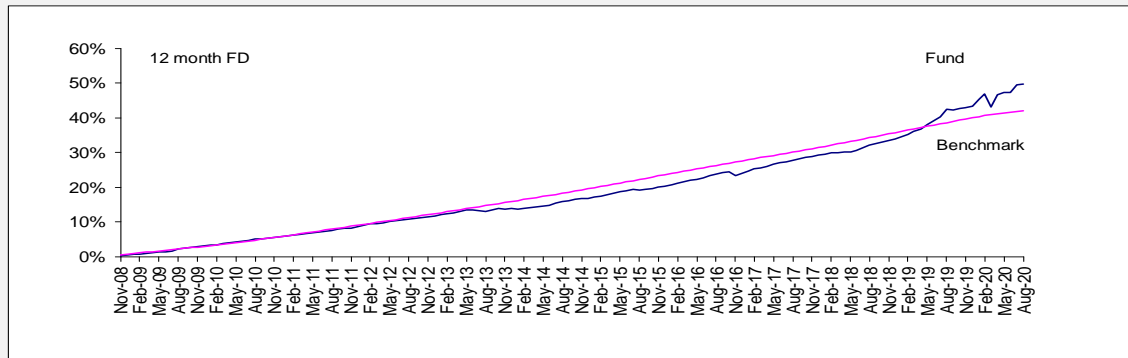
### SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Corporate Bond	Government Bond	Short Term Paper	Cash	Total
89.22%	7.60%	-	3.18%	100.00%

### TOP HOLDINGS OF THE FUND

Bond Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%	Bond Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
Fortune Premiere Sdn Bhd	4.65%	21/12/2022	8.86	Fortune Premiere Sdn Bhd	4.85%	07/09/2023	4.55
IJM Corp Bhd	5.05%	18/08/2028	6.93	MMC Corporation Bhd	5.95%	12/11/2027	3.62
Sarawak Energy Bhd	5.50%	04/07/2029	6.37	GII Murabahah	4.07%	30/09/2026	3.55
GENM Capital Bhd	4.98%	11/07/2023	5.61	YTL Power International Bhd	4.65%	24/08/2023	3.32
WCT Holdings Berhad	5.32%	11/05/2022	5.53	Ambank Bhd	4.98%	15/11/2028	2.84

## PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	4.48	0.15	5.20	17.26	25.68	42.71	49.80
<b>Benchmark</b>	1.51	0.15	2.53	9.20	16.25	35.67	42.10

\* 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

### Market Review

Government bond yield curve steepened tracking the rising UST yields as well as cautious sentiment ahead of Fed Chair Powell's speech and incoming supply concerns contributed to the weakness. The 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year MGS yields closed at 1.88% (-8bps), 2.08%(-3bps), 2.34% (+8bps), 2.69% (+8bps), 3.16% (+16bps), 3.50% (+28bps) and 3.77% (+18bps) respectively at the end of August 2020.

### Outlook & Strategy

2Q2020 GDP contracted sharply by 17.1% YoY and 16.5% QoQ (1Q2020: +0.7% YoY and -2.0% QoQ) as the economy was affected by concurrent supply and demand shocks arising from weak external demand conditions and strict containment measures in 2Q. However, BNM note that with more economies open up, recovery is well underway, and GDP forecast for 2021 is in the range of 5.5% - 8.0%. Malaysia's CPI continued to decline for the fifth consecutive month albeit at a slower pace of 1.3% YoY in July 2020 (June: -1.9% YoY), led by smaller decreases in transport prices and softer gain in food prices. Malaysia's unemployment rate fell from a record high of 5.3% in May 2020 to 4.9% in June 2020 as more sectors reopened due to the implementation of RMCO. The number of unemployed persons declined by 52,900 (-6.4%) MoM to 773,000 people in June 2020.

For MYR fixed income strategy, as we approach the last month of the quarter and market has turned more cautious ahead of the MPC meeting, we recommend to take profit and lighten some positions in the sovereign segment especially on the shorter part of the curve and move to credits for better yield pick-up. Any sell off in the market is opportunity to buy as yields are expected to stay range bound. We continue to selectively participate in the corporate bonds segment with strong and stable fundamentals.

## RISKS

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

<p><b>Market risk</b></p>	<p>Market risk is the risk of negative movement that affects the price of all assets in a particular capital market. The factors influencing the performance of the markets include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic and financial market conditions</li> <li>• Political change</li> <li>• Broad investor sentiment</li> <li>• Movements in interest rate and inflation</li> <li>• Currency risks</li> </ul> <p>Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities and performance of individual companies and general market or economic conditions. Such movements in the underlying values of the share of the investment portfolio will cause the NAV or prices of units to fall as well as rise. Market risk is mitigated through careful selection of securities and diversification through spreading of risk across a basket of assets and/or sectors.</p>
<p><b>Interest rate risk</b></p>	<p>Interest rates are inclined to fluctuate over time. A rise in the general level of interest rates will result in a decline of the value of all bonds and fixed interest securities. Hence a bond fund's NAV will most probably decrease with the rise of interest rates. Maintaining an appropriate diverse mix of assets with different yield and maturity profiles will lessen the impact of interest rate risk.</p>
<p><b>Liquidity risk</b></p>	<p>Liquidity risk is defined as the ease with which a security can be sold at or near its fair value depending on the volumes traded on the market. Liquidity risk is mitigated through the selection of stocks with an active trading volume in the open market. This ensures that exit strategies can be executed with little/minimal impacts to price fluctuations.</p>
<p><b>Company or security specific risk</b></p>	<p>There are many specific risks, which apply to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a company of losing a key executive or the unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market. The risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.</p>
<p><b>Credit risk</b></p>	<p>Credit risk refers to an issuer's ability to make timely payments of profit and principal. In the event that the issuer of the instrument is faced with financial difficulties, leading to a decrease in their credit worthiness (i.e Bond prices will change/drop in the event of rating downgrade) and default in the payment of profit and principal, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. Credit risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.</p>

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd  
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