Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund January 2020

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital stability by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

FUND DETAILS							
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000				
Units in Circulation	27,298 units (31 January 2020)	Fund Size	RM28,138 (31 January 2020)				
Unit NAV	RM1.0308 (31 January 2020)		Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd Target Fund		Principal Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds				
Benchmark	50% Quantshop GII Medium Index + 25% CIMB Islamic 1-month Fixed Return Income Account-I (FRIA-i) + 25% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income				
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Have a low risk profile and seek for a potentially less volatile investment return Want a minimal exposure to Shariah-compliant equities investment Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund. Up to 1.2% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad. 				

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND					
Mutual Funds	Cash				
81 35%	18 65%				

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Mutual Funds	81.35%		
Cash	18.65%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND				
CIMB Islamic Sukuk Fund	43.15%			
CIMB Islamic Enhanced Sukuk Fund	24.69%			
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity Fund	13.51%			
Total	81.35%			



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital stability by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 January 2020:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	0.22	0.22	0.24	0.98	2.89	N/A	3.08
Benchmark	-0.16	-0.16	0.69	1.28	4.53	N/A	5.69

^{*} 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 Fund reported a return of 0.22% in January 2020, outperformed its benchmark by 0.38% in January 2020. Sukuk outperformed equities for period under review.

The Government Investment Issues ("GII") yield curve moved lower across tenor in January following the surprise Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") cut. Trading volume in corporate sukuk increased to RM14.1 billion in January from RM10.4 billion previously with focus mainly on Quasi-Sovereign and AAA rated sukuk.

Bank Negara Malaysia delivered a surprise OPR cut by 25bps to 2.75% with the official statement highlighting as a preemptive measure to secure the improving growth trajectory amid price stability, while citing downside risks to global growth and geopolitical tensions. Given the dynamics of the global uncertainty and now the looming risk of coronavirus, global monetary policy is likely to remain accommodative in 2020. Global yields continued to be pushed down in January 2020 as the coronavirus outbreak threatened to dent global growth. Overall, we continue to overweight on the corporate segment and adopt an opportunistic trading view on the govvies as and when valuation turns attractive. For corporates, our preference continues to be on the primary issuances with stable/strong financial metric and relatively higher yielding to anchor the portfolio's yield. For domestic equities, although there is risk of further earnings downgrade, arising from the BNM's policy rate cut and potential slowing global economy, but after assessing all factors, we are off the opinion that the downside risk of KLCI is limited. Hence we will BUY on weakness and maintain our barbell approach on high yield stocks and take the opportunity to accumulate selective stocks within the plantation, construction and oil and gas sectors. On sectors which will specifically be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, we will tactically underweight the aviation sector while take the opportunity to trade the glove and healthcare sectors.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 January 2020

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