Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund **May 2019**

FUND 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.

FUND DETAILS							
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000				
Units in Circulation	14,987 units (31 May 2019)	Fund Size	RM15,212 (31 May 2019)				
Unit NAV	RM1.0150 (31 May 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds				
Benchmark	Quantshop GII Medium 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			
87.91%	12.09%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Mutual Funds	87.91%	
Cash	12.09%	
Total	100.00%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
CIMB Islamic Sukuk Fund	47.81%	
CIMB Islamic Enhanced Sukuk Fund	22.21%	
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity	17.89%	
Total	87.91%	



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into CIMB 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 May 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	1.69	0.00	1.12	1.40	1.24	N/A	1.50
Benchmark	2.82	0.45	1.86	3.51	5.96	N/A	7.47

^{*} 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 remained at 0.00% in May 2019, underperforming the benchmark by 0.45%. Year-to-date (YTD), the fund has underperformed the Benchmark by 1.13%.

During the month, Malaysia Government Investment Issue ("MGII") curve moved lower between 1bps to 13bps across all tenures in the month of May. Overall, better buying was seen following the OPR cut by BNM on 7 May as well as BNM's announcement to enhance onshore FX and bond market with new initiatives. The MGII yields for the 3-, 5- 10-,15-, 20- and 30-year closed at 3.46% (-1bps), 3.58% (-4bps), 3.83% (-4bps), 4.07% (-10bps), 4.31% (-3bps) and 4.55% (-12bps) at the end of May 2019.

On Sukuk strategy, we continue to expect 3.00% OPR to stay for the rest of 2019. While market is half way pricing in another 25bps of rate cut (at the point of writing) certain part of the government curve, we need to see weaker domestic data to support that argument. Regardless of the OPR outcome, the Fund will still stay overweight duration against benchmark as we view the overall international and domestic monetary policies to remain expansionary. The flattish longend government yield curve will likely stay for the remaining of 2019. Fund will also overweight credit against government bond for better yield pick-up. We remain NEUTRAL on equities given lack of earnings growth (consensus pencilled in negative earnings growth for 2019) which is balanced by undemanding valuation now. Having said that, we are of the opinion that value is emerging in Malaysian equities having shed 2.7% YTD and Malaysia tend to be more defensive when volatility in global equity markets rises. While we will continue with the high equity weighting with low beta investment strategy, we will continuously accumulate some alphas for the portfolios. We look to add selected blue chips in the banking, telecommunication and glove sectors. At the same time, we are reducing exposure on some of the Technology-related names on the back of rising trade conflicts.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 May 2019

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