Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund January 2019

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve moderate capital growth 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	88,048 units (31 January 2019)		RM83,369 (31 January 2019)			
Unit NAV	RM0.9469 (31 January 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of Funds			
Benchmark	50% Quantshop GII Medium Index + 50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Want a balanced portfolio that includes Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk 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 Balanced Fund. Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad. 			

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Common Stock	Cash			
79 17%	20.83%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Equities (Foreign)	40.71%		
Mutual Fund	38.46%		
Cash	20.83%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity Fund	40.71%	
CIMB Islamic Sukuk Fund	19.49%	
CIMB Islamic Enhanced Sukuk Fund	18.97%	
Total	79.17%	



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into CIMB Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve moderate capital growth 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 Balanced Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 January 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6 M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	0.84%	0.84%	-0.09%	-3.19%	-5.31%	N/A	-5.31%
Benchmark	4.93%	4.93%	4.62%	-1.51%	-3.45%	N/A	-1.35%

*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 rose by 0.84% in January 2019, underperforming the benchmark by 4.09%. Year-to-date (YTD), the fund has underperformed the Benchmark by 4.09%. The Fund will stay fully invested in target funds.

Policy uncertainty continues to be the order of the day as the ECRL on-again, off-again saga plays out. As of now, there is still no conclusive decision on the said mega project and a gag order has been issued to avoid any further confusion and escalation of rift with the Chinese government. But the damage seems to have been done already. Conversation with business leaders revealed that the government relationship with China is at all-time low. Business and consumer sentiment continued slipping for the 2nd consecutive quarter in 4Q18. According to a survey done by MIER, the 4Q18 Consumer Sentiments Index (CSI) dipped below the threshold of 100 points for the first time after two quarters, recording 96.8 points, while the business conditions index (BCI) slipped to 95.3 points.

We continue to reiterate our cautious stance on the domestic market for 2019 given moderating GDP growth, tepid corporate earnings growth and regulatory uncertainty. On the back of all these uncertainties, we reiterate our capital preservation investment strategy with preference on big cap GLCs and companies with strong fundamentals and solid cash flow and dividends in sectors such as Utilities & Renewable Energy, REITs, Consumer Staples and Industrials. On Sukuk strategy, the recent rally in government Sukuk was mainly led by foreigners as yield difference between US Treasury and MGS/MGII widened. We are still not penciling a change in OPR at this juncture and the sharp move in MGII yield is somewhat overdone, in our opinion. We may start taking profit on government bond and will gradually increase our core portfolio yield by investing in strong fundamental AA-rated Sukuk, at a fair spread. We are still advocating overweight duration portfolio as risk of OPR hike is relatively remote.

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 January 2019

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