

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund

February 2022



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	7.28 million units (28 February 2022)	Fund Size	RM 7.11 million (28 February 2022)
Unit NAV	RM0.9771 (28 February 2022)	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	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ seek an investment that provides income and capital appreciation; ▪ have a moderate risk tolerance; ▪ want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles; and ▪ want to have investment with global exposure. 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Global Balanced Fund. ▪ Up to 1.8% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad.

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	16.53%
Consumer Products	9.18%
Health Care	8.22%
Industrial Products	5.64%
Telecommunication Services	3.27%
Materials	2.65%
Energy	1.47%
Real Estate	0.96%
Financials	0.63%
Utilities	0.16%
Total	48.71%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)

Infrastructures & Utilities	18.35%
Government	9.29%
Financials	5.77%
Telecommunication	1.73%
Transportation & Logistics	1.51%
Property & Real Estate	1.48%
Energy	0.60%
Basic Materials	0.16%
Total	38.89%

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

Equity	48.71%
Bonds	38.89%
Cash	12.40%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)

Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
GII MURABAHAH 2/2020	3.465	15/10/30	1.47
KSA SUKUK LTD	2.969	10/29/29	1.27
SAUDI ELEC GLB	4.723	09/27/28	1.06
KSA SUKUK LTD MTN	4.303	01/19/29	1.02
PERUSAHAAN PENERBIT SBSN MTN	4.150	03/29/27	1.00

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)

MICROSOFT ORD	2.81%
AMAZON COM ORD	2.26%
ALPHABET CL A ORD	2.12%
APPLE ORD	2.09%
NESTLE N ORD	0.84%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into United-i Global Balanced Fund MYR Hedge 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 28 February 2022:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Years	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	-5.53	-1.41	-3.64	-3.89	N/A	N/A	-2.29
Benchmark	-6.75	-2.07	-5.11	-5.64	N/A	N/A	1.56

* 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

Global equities declined over the month. Volatility remained elevated amid rising geopolitical tensions, accelerating inflation, and tighter monetary policy, offset by generally improving COVID-19 trends. Russia invaded Ukraine, initiating attacks on multiple cities, including the capital, Kyiv, in a move Russian President Vladimir Putin labeled a "special military operation", aiming for the "demilitarization and denazification" of Ukraine. In response, US and NATO allies imposed severe economic sanctions on Russia, largely cutting off the Russian economy from global financial markets and limiting the ability of the Russian central bank to take counteractive measures. The immediate effects were significant, as the value of the Russian ruble tumbled. The central bank responded by raising its benchmark interest rate to 20% and shutting the stock market, while globally listed shares of Russian companies plummeted. Prices for natural gas and select grains and metals surged, and Brent crude oil prices topped US\$100 per barrel amid expectations that sanctions would cripple energy exports and restrict the supplies of key commodities. These dynamics drove inflation expectations even higher, further complicating the efforts by global central banks to counteract surging inflation. COVID-19 cases dropped across most regions. Hong Kong was a notable exception, as a spike in cases prompted new restrictions, including school closures. The S&P Global BMI Shariah returned -3.0% over the period. Within the index, eight out of 11 sectors declined for the month. Communication services and consumer discretionary were the bottom performing sectors, while utilities and energy were the top performing sectors for the period.

Sukuk

10-year yield for US Treasury continue rose to 1.83% in February 2022 despite the fact that US inflation maintained at 7.5%. Fixed income and sukuk market continue to be pressured by interest rate hike due to inflation. Global issuance of sukuk is expected to increase despite challenges coming from on Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) standard implementation, sentiment of rising interest rate, COVID-19 disruptions and higher oil might affect the supply of global sukuk in 1H2022. Malaysia's inflation moderately increased to 2.2% surpassed the expected inflation at 1.9% due to rebound in domestic demand by spending more and the economy grow by 6% in 2022. Thus, interest rate is expected to rise on 2H2022.

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 : 28 February 2022

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