

# Sun Life Malaysia

## AIIMAN Select Income Fund

June 2023



### FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with regular income stream through Shariah-compliant investment.

### FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	15.04 million units (30 June 2023)	Fund Size	RM18.19 million (30 June 2023)
Unit NAV	RM1.2095 (30 June 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	AHAM Asset Management Berhad (FKA Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	Target Fund	AHAM Aiiman Select Income Fund (FKA Affin Hwang Aiiman Select Income Fund)
Benchmark	70% 12-month Maybank General Investment Account (GIA) + 30% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a moderate risk appetite</li> <li>Expect incidental growth in capital</li> <li>Want an investment that complies with Shariah requirements</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia AIIMAN Select Income Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.2% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by AHAM Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul>

### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Sukuk & Islamic Money Market Instruments	Shariah-compliant Equities	Cash & Others
Min 60%; Max 100%	Min 0%; Max 40%	Remaining Balance

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND	
Utilities	19.10%
Industrials	16.00%
Financial Services	10.50%
Technology	10.00%
Telecommunications	9.00%
Energy	7.70%
Consumer Staples	5.20%
Banks	4.70%
Real Estate	4.70%
Financials	2.90%
Health Care	2.20%
Consumer Discretionary	1.70%
Government	1.20%
Basic Materials	1.00%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK)			
Bonds Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
MMC Corp Berhad	5.64%	27.04.27	4.8
Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd	5.95%	23.08.34	4.8
Celcom Networks Sdn Bhd	5.27%	28.10.26	4.8
UiTM Solar Power Sdn Bhd	6.00%	26.04.30	4.6
WCT Holdings Bhd	5.80%	27.09.49	4.6
TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)			
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd			2.0%
TIME dotCom Berhad			1.9%
Telkom Indonesia Persero TbkPT			1.6%
Link REIT			1.5%
SK Hynix Inc			1.4%

### PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into AHAM AIIMAN Select Income Fund ("target fund") with the objective to provide investors with regular income stream through Shariah-compliant investments. The target fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of Sukuks, Shariah-compliant equities and Islamic money market instruments.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia AIIMAN Select Income Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 June 2023:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	3.14	0.27	3.14	4.40	2.15	9.58	20.95
<b>Benchmark</b>	-0.41	-0.36	-0.41	1.85	0.84	5.92	13.68

\* 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

- In Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index rose 2.17% lifted by stimulus optimism in China. The MSCI China index closed 3.38% higher as China's central bank cut key policy rates to spur growth which has stalled post-pandemic. However, there are growing calls for stronger stimulus measures especially on the fiscal-front to spur demand especially in its property sector. Sales of properties declined by 28% y-o-y in June, marking a negative trend since February 2023.
- On the domestic front, the local market was subdued with the benchmark KLCI closing 0.75% lower as persistent foreign selling put pressure on the index. A weaker Ringgit and political uncertainty also dampened market sentiment as investors stay on the side-lines. Nevertheless, there have been significant developments in the political landscape as all 6 outstanding states have recently announced the dissolution of their respective State Assembly paving the way for state polls. The Election Commission (EC) recently announced that polling date would fall on the 12 August. We can expect greater political clarity on the stability of the unity government and policy continuity once elections are concluded.
- Coming into end of June 2023, Malaysia's fixed income market was relatively quiet with a shortened week due to festive holiday. As a result, liquidity was thin, which contributed to a downward trend in yields by approximately 6 to 10 bps, particularly for longer tenure bonds. In the short-end of the market, the reopening of the 5-Year Government Investment Issue (GII) attracted significant market interest and helped absorb most of the demand. As alluded, we saw the bond auction of a 5-Year GII amounting to RM5.5 billion. However, demand was lukewarm as reflected by a low bid-to-cover (BTC) ratio of 1.80x. Conversely, there were no primary issuances in the private debt securities (PDS) market. Nevertheless, demand for corporate bonds remained strong particularly for issuers with stronger credit ratings.
- In the corporate sector, notable bond issuances included Sarawak Energy's AAA rated bond, totaling RM3.50 billion, with a tenure ranging from 5 to 10 years and an average yield of 4.05% - 4.27%. This bond garnered strong demand, evidenced by a bid-to-cover (BTC) ratio of 3.0x. Similarly, Johor Corp issued a RM1.5 billion AAA state-guaranteed bond, with a tenure of 7 to 15 years and an average yield of 4.45% - 4.80%. The BTC ratio for this bond also surpassed 3x, indicating robust demand for corporate bonds.
- On economic data, Malaysia's inflation eased further in May 2023 with the consumer price index (CPI) slowing to 2.8% from 3.3% in the previous month. However, core inflation remained sticky at 3.50% compared to 3.60%. This decline in inflationary pressure may signal less urgency for Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) to raise the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) during its upcoming policy meeting.

### STRATEGY:

- Within Asia, Korea and Taiwan has outperformed due to upturn in the semiconductor cycle and AI. Thailand underperformed on political uncertainty and China's recovery momentum has slowed despite stimulative policies are set to continue.
- In summary, defensive positioning as global outlook remains uncertain with the soft economic data amidst tight financial conditions. Recessionary earnings outlook not expected for the time being. For local fixed income, we opine Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") may pause during July's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting as growth momentum moderate and inflation are on a downtrend. Hawkish rhetoric to remain while BNM monitors upcoming data. We expect a range bound yield movement in the near term as the market look for catalysts.
- We maintained cash level to approximately 4% and prioritize on deploying in Fixed Income securities with approximately hold 70% of the entire portfolio. For the Fixed Income Portion, we look to participate in primary issuances for better yield pickup. Equity exposure maintained at 26% of the portfolio.
- Transaction wise, the fund was marginally net seller during the month of June. Notable purchases were Plus Sukuk Issuance and Samsung Electronics.

**RISKS**

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

<p><b>Manager's Risk</b></p>	<p>This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Affin Hwang which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Affin Hwang 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, fraudulent, dishonesty or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.</p>
<p><b>Inflation Risk</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Credit/Default risk</b></p>	<p>Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the investment (Sukuk and Islamic money markets instruments) and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuers may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investment. In the case of rated investments, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk of an issuer of the investment either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investment. This could adversely affect the value of the target fund.</p>
<p><b>Counterparty risk</b></p>	<p>This risk concerns with the target fund's investment in Shariah-compliant derivatives where the other party in an agreement may default on the terms of the agreement. Generally, counterparty risk can be reduced by emphasis on credit analysis of the counterparty to determine its creditworthiness.</p>
<p><b>Interest rate risk</b></p>	<p>Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk. When interest rates rise, Sukuk's prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in Sukuk. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. In order to mitigate interest rate risk, Affin Hwang will need to manage the debt portfolio taking into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the Sukuk.</p> <p>Note: Interest rate is a general indicator that will have an impact on the management of the target fund regardless of whether it is a Shariah-based fund or otherwise. It does not in any way suggest that the target fund will invest in conventional financial instruments.</p>
<p><b>Stock Specific Risk</b></p>	<p>Prices of a particular Shariah-compliant stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such Shariah-compliant stock will adversely affect the target fund's NAV.</p>
<p><b>Shariah-compliant warrants investment risk</b></p>	<p>The value of the Shariah-compliant warrants will depend on the pricing of the underlying security whereby the growth and performance prospect of the underlying security would consequentially affect the value of the Shariah-compliant warrants. In addition, the value of the Shariah-compliant warrants may decrease exponentially as the Shariah-compliant warrants approach their maturity date and the potential gains from a favourable price movement of the underlying security may be offset by aggressive time decay. Affin Hwang may consider unwinding these Shariah-compliant warrants if there are material adverse changes to its value with the aim to mitigate the risk.</p>

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk arises in two scenarios. The first scenario is where an investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the investment to be sold below its fair value which would adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.

**Currency risk**

As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.

**Regulatory risk**

The investments of the target fund will be exposed to changes in the laws and regulations in the countries the target fund is invested in. These regulatory changes pose a risk to the target fund as it may materially impact the investments of the target fund. In an effort to manage and mitigate such risk, Affin Hwang seeks to continuously keep abreast of regulatory developments (for example, by closely monitoring announcements on regulators' website and mainstream medias) in that country. Affin Hwang may dispose its investments in that particular country should the regulatory changes adversely impact the unit holders' interest or diminish returns to the target fund.

**Country risk**

Investments of the target fund in any country may be affected by changes in 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 invests in. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the target fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the target fund to fall.

**Reclassification of Shariah status risk**

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equities in the target fund may be reclassified to be Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the equities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC), the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Affin Hwang will take the necessary steps to dispose of such equities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant equities. Affin Hwang will be required to dispose of these equities immediately if the prices are above the purchase price. Should the prices be below the purchase price, Affin Hwang may choose to hold on to these holdings until the prices meet the purchase price. Nevertheless, should Affin Hwang decide to dispose of these equities below the purchase price, the target fund will be faced with the risk of realising its losses, thus negatively impacting the NAV of the target fund.

Source : AHAM Asset Management Berhad

Date : 30 June 2023

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