

### FUND OBJECTIVE

Aims to achieve consistent capital appreciation over a medium to long-term by investing in equities and other approved investments, which harmonise with Islamic philosophy and laws.

### FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	01 December 2009	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	23.17 million units (31 May 2023)	Fund Size	RM42.72 million (31 May 2023)
Unit NAV	RM1.8438 (31 May 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	AHAM Asset Management Berhad (FKA Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	Target Fund	AHAM Aiiman Growth Fund (FKA Affin Hwang Aiiman Growth Fund)
Benchmark	FBM Emas Shariah Index (FBMS)	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a medium to long term investment horizon</li> <li>Are risk tolerant</li> <li>Seek higher returns on the investment that comply 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 Islamic Equity Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.5% 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

Equity	Cash
Min 70%; Max 100%	Max 30%

**SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND**

Industrials	20.50%
Financials	19.20%
Consumer Staples	14.00%
Health Care	10.80%
Telecommunications	9.60%
Utilities	3.30%
Technology	2.10%
Energy	2.00%
Basic Materials	2.00%
Consumer Discretionary	1.80%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND**

Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	5.70%
TIME dotCom Bhd	4.40%
TradePlus Shariah Gold Tracker	3.50%
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	3.40%
Solarvest Holdings Berhad	3.30%
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	3.30%
IHH Healthcare Bhd	3.10%
MISC Bhd	3.10%
Top Glove Corp Bhd	3.10%
UOA Development Bhd	2.90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.80%</b>

**PERFORMANCE RECORD**

This fund feeds into AHAM Aiman Growth Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve consistent capital appreciation over a medium to long-term by investing in equities and other approved investments, which harmonize with Islamic philosophy and laws.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 May 2023

%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	1.04	0.09	-2.65	16.78	19.81	30.66	84.38
<b>Benchmark</b>	-3.04	-1.21	-7.85	-11.80	-12.89	-14.49	25.92

\* 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

- US equities marched higher in May as investors heaved a sigh of relief after lawmakers passed a bill to raise the debt ceiling and avert a potentially catastrophic default. The S&P 500 index edged 0.25% as the US House of Representatives passed the bill with support from both Democrats and Republicans putting an end to the deadlock after weeks of tense negotiations.
- On the domestic front, the benchmark KLCI languished behind regional peers falling 1.50%. A lacklustre 1Q'2023 earnings report coupled with looming state elections kept investors on the side-lines as sentiment remains poor. Interest rate differentials between the US and Malaysia have also fuelled foreign selling which has swelled close to RM2.90 billion YTD.
- Due to Malaysia's close trade relation to China, the Ringgit has weakened considerably YTD. In a statement, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) believes that the depreciation of the Ringgit is not fundamentally driven and that global headwinds are driving investors to seek safe haven assets like the US dollar. With the US Federal Reserve at the tail end of its rate hike cycle, we expect MYR to potentially reverse course in 2 H'2023 as global macro headwinds ease.
- On sectorial basis, amongst the worst performers in this current earnings season include the materials and plantation sector as rising input costs and wages crimped margins. In their earnings call, many corporates expressed caution in their forward guidance due to a tough operating environment, citing cost pressures and growth headwinds. However, tech companies were more ebullient in their forecasts as many players expect the sector to bottom out and see a gradual recovery.

### STRATEGY:

- Market may remain subdued in the short term due to macro concerns (global recession fears, weak Ringgit, geopolitical tensions) along with political overhang from state elections in Jun. However in the longer term, Malaysia fundamentals remain intact given robust GDP growth and FDIs, local funds still flushed with liquidity and multi-year low foreign shareholding.
- We are positive on a few key themes such as reopening sectors and trade divergence where we anticipate an increase in Foreign Direct Investments ("FDI") in local market due to the ongoing United States of America ("US") and China tension which gave opportunities to regional sectors like Malaysian tech stocks to strive for better valuation. With our defensive tilt, we have also positioned our portfolio in the healthcare sector, which is less sensitive to an economic slowdown, supported by an expected rebound in earnings.
- The fund's invested levels were maintained to approximately 85%. Transaction wise, the Fund was net seller during the month of May. We increased weights in plantation opportunistically and manufacturing, namely through participation in Kossan Rubber Industries.
- Nevertheless, we remain cautious on the back of more challenging macroeconomic conditions. The portfolio holds a higher cash level (15%) as of end May amid market uncertainty.

## RISKS

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

<b>Market risk</b>	Market risk arises because of factors that affect the entire marketplace. Factors such as economic growth, political stability and social environment are some examples of conditions that have an impact on businesses, whether positive or negative. Market risk cannot be eliminated by diversification. It stems from the fact that there are economy-wide perils which threaten all businesses. Hence, investors will be exposed to market uncertainties and no matter how many Shariah-compliant securities are held, fluctuations in the economic, political and social environment will affect the market price of the Shariah-compliant investments either in a positive or negative way.
<b>Fund management risk</b>	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, fraudulence, dishonesty or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.
<b>Performance risk</b>	There is no guarantee in relation to the investment returns.
<b>Inflation risk</b>	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.
<b>Liquidity risk</b>	Liquidity risk arises in two scenarios. The first scenario is where the target fund's investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the target fund's investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the target fund's investment to be sold below its fair value which would adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.
<b>Credit/Default risk</b>	Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the investment (Islamic money market instruments) and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest 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.
<b>Equity investment risk</b>	This is the risk associated with investing in a particular equity. The value of individual equity is mainly determined by its potential growth in earnings, sound management, and treatment of minority shareholders, as well as a myriad of other factors. Failure to achieve these would result in declining investment value which in turn affects the performance of the target fund. This can be mitigated by diversifying the target fund's portfolios.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Reclassification of Shariah status risk**

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities by 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 for the target fund 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.

**Shariah-compliant warrants investment risk**

The value of the Shariah-compliant warrants (“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 warrants. In addition, the value of the warrants may decrease exponentially as the warrants approach its 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 warrants if there are material adverse changes to its value with the aim to mitigate the risk.

**Source : AHAM Asset Management Berhad**  
**Date : 31 May 2023**

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