

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund

October 2023



FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, whilst maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposits placements that comply with the Shariah principles.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	18 January 2019	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	406,327 units (31 October 2023)	Fund Size	RM450,520 (31 October 2023)
Unit NAV	RM1.1088 (31 October 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI
Benchmark	Islamic Interbank Overnight Rate	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek liquid and low risk investment with a short-term investment horizon Want a Shariah-compliant investment. Seek for security and flexibility in investment. 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund. Up to 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant Money Market	98.51%
Cash	1.49%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

RHB Islamic Bank Bhd	2.63%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	2.63%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	2.50%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	2.48%
AmBank Islamic Bhd	2.45%
Al Rajhi Bank M Bhd	2.37%
AmBank Islamic Bhd	2.37%
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	2.24%
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	2.11%
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	2.11%
Total	23.89%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI (“target fund”) with the objective to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, while maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposit placements with licensed Islamic financial institutions that comply with Shariah principles.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 October 2023:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	2.79	0.28	0.81	1.64	3.29	6.86	10.88
Benchmark	2.43	0.26	0.76	1.52	2.90	6.77	12.13

* 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 delivered 0.28% in October 2023, which was outperforming the benchmark by 2bps, and delivered 3.29% in the 12-months period ending 31 October 2023, outperforming the benchmark by 39bps.

Malaysia’s 3Q GDP expanded by 3.3% YoY against the 2.9% YoY in 2Q, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia, which introduced its first-ever quarterly preliminary GDP data. Economic expansion was predominantly driven by the services sector with a 5.1% increase, up from 4.7% in 2Q23. The economic performance for the first nine months of 2023 shows that Malaysia’s economy grew by 3.9% YoY (9M22: 9.2%).

Headline CPI eased to 1.9% YoY in September from 2.0% in August, reflecting the lowest reading since March 2021, and below market consensus estimate of 2.2%. The slower price increase for restaurants & hotels at 4.4% in Sep (Aug’23: 4.7%) and food & non-alcoholic beverages at 3.9% (Aug’23: 4.1%) helped to drive down inflation. Moderation in inflationary pressure is a positive for domestic demand, the key driver for economic growth. Core inflation remained at 2.5% in September, the same rate as recorded in August 2023. 9M2023 headline inflation was at 2.8% vs. 3.4% for the full year in 2022.

Exports in September increased by 8.2% MoM to RM124.5bn as compared to August, while imports expanded by 2.1% MoM to RM99.9bn. As a result, Malaysia continues to register a trade surplus for the 41st consecutive month since May 2020 at RM24.52bn, up by 43% from RM17.31bn a month earlier. However, on a year-on-year bases, trade surplus contracted by 23% as exports fell 13.7% YoY (Aug’23: -18.6%) on the back of lower global demand, uncertainty about commodity prices, and high last year’s base effect. The country’s imports declined as well by 11.1% YoY (Aug’23: 21.2%).

Malaysia’s industrial production index (IPI) inched down by 0.3% YoY in August (July’23: 0.7% YoY). The dip was attributed to the manufacturing sector, which contracted 0.6% in August vs a 0.2% reduction in July, while the electricity sector expanded by 1.9% (Jul’23: 1.5%) and the mining sector grew by 0.1% (Jul’23: 4.2%). Overall, the manufacturing export-oriented industries declined while domestic-oriented industries continued to expand.

We limit our investment exposure to short-term deposit placements due to the very low risk nature of the Fund

RISKS

Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is NO GUARANTEE on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the target fund's investment objective will be achieved.
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.
Financing risk	This risk occurs when you obtain financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with money obtained from financing includes you being unable to service the financing payments.
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Principal which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by Principal as a result of an incorrect view of the market 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, the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or the Shariah adviser of the issuer.
Credit and default risk	<p>Investment of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal aim to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.</p> <p>Investment in the target fund is not the same as placing funds in a Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed Islamic financial institution. There are risks involved and investors should rely on their own evaluation to assess the merits and risks when investing in the target fund.</p>

Source : *Principal Asset Management Berhad*

Date : *31 October 2023*

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