

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund

June 2021



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	21.49 million units (30 June 2021)	Fund Size	RM43.44 million (30 June 2021)
Unit NAV	RM2.0217 (30 June 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	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"> ▪ Have a medium to long term investment horizon ▪ Are risk tolerant ▪ Seek higher returns on the investment that comply with Shariah requirements 	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund. ▪ Up to 1.5% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the Target Fund's NAV by Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

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

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND	
Industrials	26.8%
Financials	22.4%
Telecommunications	11.6%
Technology	6.8%
Basic Materials	6.2%
Energy	4.3%
Health Care	2.2%
Utilities	2.0%
Consumer Discretionary	2.0%
Consumer Staples	1.8%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	13.8%
Total	100.0%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	6.3%
BIMB Holdings Bhd	5.4%
Scientex Bhd	3.6%
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	3.4%
Time Dotcom Berhad	3.4%
GHL Systems Bhd	3.4%
MISC Bhd	2.8%
Gamuda Bhd	2.8%
Sunway Berhad	2.6%
Tradeplus Shariah Gold Tracker	2.5%
Total	36.2%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Affin Hwang Aiiman 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 30 June 2021:

%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	-2.24	0.44	27.01	30.48	40.00	68.07	102.17
Benchmark	-7.45	-4.66	1.15	0.71	0.62	15.79	44.58

* 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.

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FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- Global markets shrugged off inflation fears to climb higher in June as investors buy-in to the Fed's dovish testimony. The MSCI AC World Index was up 1.4% while the S&P 500 index closed 2.4% higher, reaching an all-time high in the last week of the month.
- The FBM100 index fell 2.9% in June as daily new COVID-19 cases remain stubbornly high. Phase 1 of the National Recovery Plan has been extended as cases has not fallen below the 4,000 threshold.
- The government unveiled the PEMULIH stimulus package worth RM150 billion, with direct fiscal injection of RM10 billion which includes cash handouts to lower income groups and salary subsidies. An opt-in blanket loan moratorium and the i-Citra initiative to allow contributors to withdraw from their EPF was also announced.
- Malaysia reported weaker trade numbers in May as exports increased by 47.3% YoY from 63% YoY in April, and imports expanded 50.4% YoY in May from 22.4% YoY in April. In line with the uncertainty in domestic economic activity, the month-on-month performance of exports, imports, total trade and trade surplus showed declines.
- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong said that the Parliament should reconvene to allow MPs to debate the emergency laws and the National Recovery Plan. The palace said that there is no need for the ongoing State of Emergency to be extended past its original end date of August 1.

STRATEGY:

- The fund's invested levels was increased to 86% during the month. The fund remains positioned in quality large-cap Shariah-compliant stocks in the domestic market.
- Accommodative policies, strong liquidity conditions and the vaccine rollout are expected to provide support for stock markets. Hence, we look to be highly invested and will look for opportunities to redeploy into the market.
- The Fund's largest sector exposure is in exporters (tech and EMS sector) due to a strong growth outlook, and a beneficiary of trade diversion. Other major exposure includes telco names, which benefits from 5G rollout and the government's digitalization initiatives.
- We take a longer-term view by increasingly allocating to recovery-plays including the Islamic banking, commodities, consumer and property sector, despite recent resurgence in Covid-19 cases.
- Politics remains a key risk and remains an overhang over markets and may last until end of emergency period. Meanwhile, markets are likely to focus on economic recovery and vaccine rollout.
- Over the month, cash levels was lower as we increased positions across sectors we favor, including the technology, industrials, telecommunication, and property sector following strong performance. We look to redeploy this into recovery beneficiaries.
- The fund continues to adopt a barbell strategy, investing in re-opening beneficiaries together with companies with long term structural growth opportunities.

RISKS

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

Market risk	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.
Fund management risk	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.
Performance risk	There is no guarantee in relation to the investment returns.
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.
Liquidity risk	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.
Credit/Default risk	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.
Equity investment risk	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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Shariah-compliant warrants investment risk	<p>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.</p>

Source : Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

Date : 30 June 2021

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