

Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Stable Fund

June 2021



FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide a mixed exposure into equities and bonds, with higher allocation in bonds.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	1.55 million units (30 June 2021)	Fund Size	RM2.49 million (30 June 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.6050 (30 June 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	25% FBM100 + 75% 12 month FD
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want a diversified portfolio in equities but higher exposure in bonds Prefer less volatile performance and want slightly higher gains than bond return 	Fees	<p>The fund will feed into Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund and Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund which applies the following fund management charges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund: 1.5% p.a. Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund: 1.0% p.a. There are no other fund management charges on this fund

ASSET ALLOCATION

Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund
75.00%	25.00%

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS

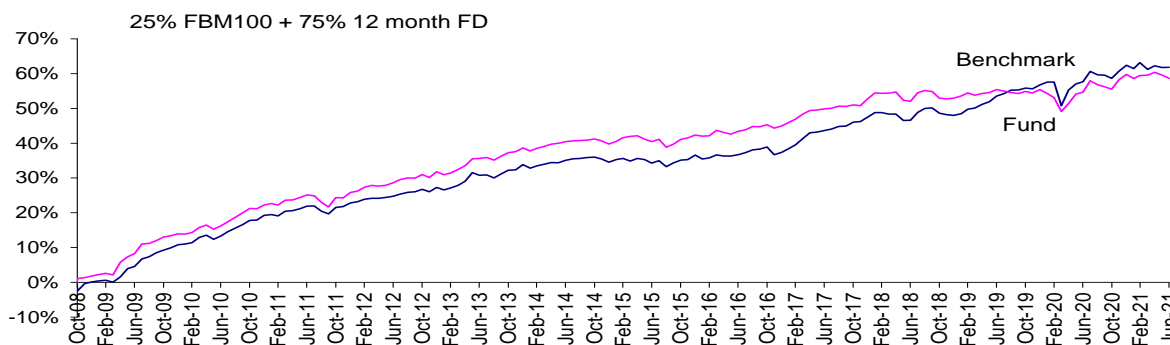
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	Cash	Total
75.28%	24.64%	0.08%	100.00%

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PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	-0.38	0.04	2.61	10.38	18.38	32.73	61.83
Benchmark	-0.71	-0.61	2.58	4.36	10.63	26.81	58.67

* 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 June 2021, the Fund's performance increased by 0.04%, outperforming the benchmark by 0.65%.

FBMKLCI fell 51pts or over 3% to 1,533.35pts in June. While Gloves and Plantations were the key culprits for the decline, overall market sentiment was affected by the Malaysian government resorting to a total lockdown from 1 June to battle surging COVID-19 cases domestically. Thus, the delay of transitioning into Phase 2 of the National Recovery Plan. Except for Financials, Transport and REITs, all the other sectors were in the red led by Health Care (mainly Gloves) (-11%), Plantations (-7%), Property (-4%), Energy (-3%).

Malaysia's manufacturing PMI fell to 39.9pts in June from 51.3pts in May, the lowest reading since April 2020. This was not completely unexpected given the stricter movement controls which dampened demand, curbed production and disrupted supply chains. IHS Markit, which publishes the monthly statistic, also indicated that business confidence had hit the lowest reading on record. Manufacturers surveyed expressed pessimism over the year-ahead outlook amid concerns about the duration of the pandemic, a stark contrast to their optimistic responses last month.

Malaysia government introduced the National Recovery Plan outlining the necessary conditions to transition from the current lockdown to the exit phases. However, an Enhanced MCO was imposed on most parts of Selangor and Kuala Lumpur with stricter movements on affected areas. Most factories within EMCO areas would be shut except essential services. The Government also announced an additional RM150b stimulus package that includes RM10b of direct fiscal injection. MoF highlighted that Malaysia's 2021 GDP forecast would still have to be revised downwards and will be announced in mid-August. World Bank revised Malaysia's 2021 GDP growth forecast downwards to 4.5% (from 6% earlier). Headline inflation rate eased in May 2021 to +4.4% YoY (Apr-21: +4.7%) as the base-effect driven double-digit rise in transport costs was offset by easing food inflation. Core inflation only edged up marginally to +0.8% YoY. Although at OPR level of 1.75% may suggest that Malaysia rates are in negative yield territory, BNM has guided that inflation is largely transitory. On a positive note, S&P reaffirmed Malaysia's rating at A- but maintained its negative outlook to reflect the enduring pressures on Malaysia's fiscal and debt profile. The reaffirmation has helped to lift the negative sentiment on the domestic bonds in the near-term.

RISKS

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

Market risk	<p>Market risk is the risk of negative movement that affects the price of all assets in a particular capital market. The factors influencing the performance of the markets include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic and financial market conditions• Political change• Broad investor sentiment• Movements in interest rate and inflation• Currency risks <p>Stock and/or securities values fluctuate in response to the activities and performance of individual companies and general market or economic conditions. Such movements in the underlying values of the share of the investment portfolio will cause the NAV or prices of units to fall as well as rise. Market risk is mitigated through careful selection of securities and diversification through spreading of risk across a basket of assets and/or sectors.</p>
Interest rate risk	<p>Interest rates are inclined to fluctuate over time. A rise in the general level of interest rates will result in a decline of the value of all bonds and fixed interest securities. Hence a bond fund's NAV will most probably decrease with the rise of interest rates. Maintaining an appropriate diverse mix of assets with different yield and maturity profiles will lessen the impact of interest rate risk.</p>
Liquidity risk	<p>Liquidity risk is defined as the ease with which a security can be sold at or near its fair value depending on the volumes traded on the market. Liquidity risk is mitigated through the selection of stocks with an active trading volume in the open market. This ensures that exit strategies can be executed with little/minimal impacts to price fluctuations.</p>
Company or security specific risk	<p>There are many specific risks, which apply to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a company of losing a key executive or the unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market. The risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.</p>
Credit risk	<p>Credit risk refers to an issuer's ability to make timely payments of profit and principal. In the event that the issuer of the instrument is faced with financial difficulties, leading to a decrease in their credit worthiness (i.e Bond prices will change/drop in the event of rating downgrade) and default in the payment of profit and principal, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. Credit risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.</p>

Source : *Principal Asset Management Bhd*
Date : 30 June 2021

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