

Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund

October 2021



FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve medium to long term capital appreciation through investments primarily in Malaysian bonds.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	32.27 million units (29 October 2021)	Fund Size	RM47.95 million (29 October 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.4862 (29 October 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	12 month FD
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Fees	Management Fee: 1.0% p.a.
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a medium to long term investment horizon Want a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities Are looking for a less volatile investment but can accept lower returns 	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee & transaction charge

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Bonds/Debentures	Cash
80% - 98%	Up to 20%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Corporate Bond	Government Bond	Short Term Paper	Cash	Total
83.36%	8.29%	-	8.35%	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE FUND

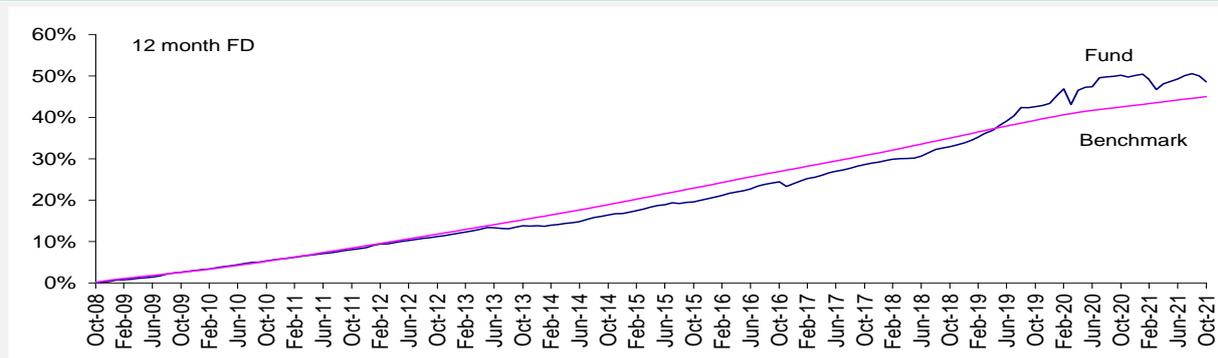
Bond Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%	Bond Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	%
Sarawak Energy Bhd	5.50%	04/07/2029	5.81	Edra Energy Sdn Bhd	6.71%	05/01/2038	2.52
GENM Capital Bhd	4.98%	11/07/2023	5.36	GII Murabahah	4.417%	30/09/2041	2.46
MMC Corporation Bhd	5.95%	12/11/2027	3.49	UniTapah Sdn Bhd	6.15%	12/12/2030	2.40
Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Bhd	4.80%	12/01/2027	3.35	Sarawak Energy Bhd	4.70%	24/11/2028	2.22
YTL Power International Bhd	4.65%	24/08/2023	3.21	Kapar Energy Ventures	4.95%	03/07/2026	2.21

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PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	-1.00	-0.91	-1.05	11.81	19.42	37.53	48.62
Benchmark	1.47	0.15	1.76	7.42	14.27	33.73	45.03

* 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

Market Review

During the month, the MGS yield curve bear flattened with the 3 – 5Y up +32 – 34bps, while the 15 – 30Y were only up +12 – 14bps – similar to the bear flattening experienced in the UST during the period. Meanwhile, 7Y did relatively well (only up +12bps), but the 10Y fared poorer (up by +22bps).

Outlook & Strategy

Ministry of Finance delivered Budget 2022 speech in parliament and it features the largest expenditure ever at RM332.1 bn (+3.6% YoY), with higher allocations to opex (+6.3% to RM233.5 bn) and record high devex (+21.9% to RM75.6 bn) but lower COVID-19 expenditure (-41% to RM23 bn) - with consumers and SMEs being the standout beneficiaries from the expansionary budget. The higher expenditure will be offset by higher projected revenues of RM234 bn (+6% YoY), leading to a slightly lower deficit of RM97.5 bn in 2022 (2021: RM98.8 bn). The deficit ratio is expected to decline to 6.0% of GDP (from 6.5%), largely relying on the rebound in nominal GDP between +7.7% - 8.7% in 2022. Under the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework, the MoF is targeting the fiscal deficit to average at 5.0% of GDP from 2022 - 2024, which implies the fiscal deficit target to consolidate to 4.7% in 2023 and 4.3% in 2024, and further consolidating to 3.0 - 3.5% by 2025 under the 12th Malaysian Plan.

While we are not expecting BNM to change OPR tone in the November 2021 meeting, internally we are expecting the first OPR hike to happen in 2H2022. We are now penciling one to two hikes in 2021 depending on the speed of recovery. Given our assessment, yield curve will likely bear flattened but total return will still be higher in the 7-year tenor compared to 5- and 3-year. Also, with economy recovery, we can expect credit spreads to price tighter, but not much tighter from the current level. As such, Portfolio will keep a neutral duration with more focus on high grade credits.

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>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 securities 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 : 29 October 2021

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