

Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Stable Fund March 2018

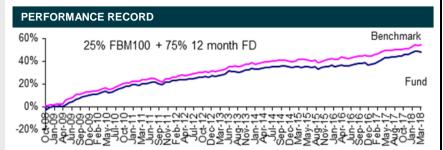
FUND OBJECTIVE

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	1.81 million units (30 March 2018)				
Fund Size	RM2.67 million (30 March 2018)				
Unit NAV	RM1.4717 (30 March 2018)				
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd				
Benchmark	25% FBM100 + 75% 12 month FD				
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Want a diversified portfolio in equities but higher exposure in bonds Prefer less volatile performance and want slightly higher gains than bond return				
Fees	The fund will feed into Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund and Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund which applies the following fund management charges: 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				
Taxation	8% of annual investment income				

ASSET ALLOCATION						
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	75.03%					
Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	24.97%					

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS						
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	75.03%					
Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	24.97%					
Cash	0.00%					
Total	100.00%					



NAV TO NAV

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	0.58	-0.27	0.58	2.39	5.01	10.04	48.39
Benchmark	1.07	0.06	1.07	2.54	4.09	8.79	54.43

^{*} 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

For the month of March 2018, the Fund decreased 0.27%.

In March 2018, Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") traded richer on the belly of the curve as yields tightened by 4 to 14 basis points ("bps") between the 3 and 20-year MGS. We believe the strong interest in the govvies was driven by liquidity from the MGS/MGII maturity in February 2018 and March totaling RM16.4b. The risk off mode in the global market have also resulted in better buying interest in the govvies as United States Treasury ("UST") yields traded tighter in respond to possible trade war between the U.S and China. During the month, the benchmark 3-, 5- 10-, 15- and 30-year MGS yields close at 3.37%, 3.60%, 3.98%, 4.40% and 4.89% respectively.

Corporate bond / Sukuk trading volume returned with RM 13.9 billion traded after the lackluster February's 2018 festive season. This was also higher than similar period previous year's RM11 billion. Most of the trades remain focused on AA Corporates and GGs with interest returning on the AAA. Credit spreads widened in March 2018 for all ratings bringing the first quarter of the year's credit spread wider than the 3 year average for the AAA. Generally the 5 and 7 year saw greater quantum of widening compare to the rest of the curve.

On the Fund's strategy and outlook, we prefer to maintain our investment in credit segment for stable and higher total return but will participate in the government bond market if trading opportunity arises. On technical note, we prefer AA-rated fixed income investment as supply is expected to be less compared to Government Guaranteed securities. Lastly, we maintain our neutral call on duration as interest rates environment globally is still on hawkish tone.

March 2018 was a positive month as the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("FBMKLCI") added 7 points or 0.4% to 1,863 points despite rising concerns of escalating US-China trade disputes. Large caps continued to outperform the broader market and small caps. For the first quarter of 2018, the FBMKLCI rose 3.7%, supported by net foreign inflows of RM2.2 billion.

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

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