Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Stable Fund November 2019

FUND OBJECTIVE

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

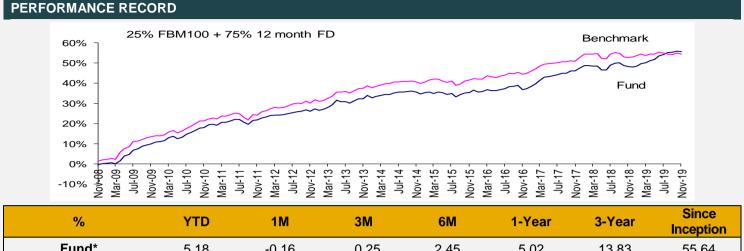
FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	1.63 million units (29 November 2019)	Fund Size	RM2.52 million (29 November 2019)			
Unit NAV	RM1.5436 (29 November 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading 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	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			

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

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS	VHERE THE FUND INVESTS				
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	Cash	Total		
75.28%	24.64%	0.08%	100.00%		





Fund*	5.18	-0.16	0.25	2.45	5.02	13.83	55.64
Benchmark	0.96	-0.28	-0.07	-0.07	1.08	6.99	54.44

^{*} 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 November 2019, the Fund's performance decreased by 0.16%, but outperforming the benchmark by 0.12%.

KLCI dipped 2.3% in Nov (YTD: -7.6%). While this was in line with regional market performance (MSCI ASEAN lost 1.8% in Nov), the local bourse was also dragged by the sharp sell down of TNB (-4.1%) on the last trading day of the month following the announcement of further back taxes imposed by IRB amounting to RM4bn. Malaysian GDP growth slowed to 4.4% in 3Q19 (slowest in a year) vs 4.9% in 2Q19. The slowdown was broad-based amid external headwinds and domestic fiscal consolidation. Private consumption remains the main engine of growth, but its pace has normalized to 7% (2Q19: 7.8%) amid dampened consumer sentiment. Although public investment slump of -14.1% in 3Q19 was not a surprise due to disruption caused by review of mega infrastructure projects, the near-stagnant private investment of +0.3% (2Q19: +1.8%) was a concern. Net external demand growth remains in double digit but has also slowed given the trade tension (3Q19: +15.9%, 2Q19: +22.9%). Going into 2020, we expect Malaysian economic growth to remain moderate as external headwinds are mitigated by more growth-oriented Budget 2020 (higher fiscal deficit, resumption of mega projects) and recent OPR and SRR cuts by BNM.



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FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

Global sentiment surrounding bond flow remained driven by the US-China trade talks as investors watching the progress of the trade development after the prospect of phase one trade agreement turned sour following President Trump signing a controversial bill related to Hong Kong's autonomy status. China is now pushing for US tariff rollback as a condition for the phase one trade deal to happen. Domestically, BNM kept the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.00% in its final meeting of the year while keeping its still resilient domestic growth forecast for 2019 at 4.3%-4.8% though it reiterated that the global economy is expanding at a more moderate pace. It opines that the slowdown is becoming more synchronized across both the advanced and emerging economies. Overall, BNM expects the Malaysian economy will stay within its 2019 projections and continued to be sustained going into 2020. BNM announced a surprise cut in Statutory Reserve Requirement ("SRR") by 50bps to 3.0% effective 16th November, the first reduction since 2016. The cut in SRR would free up RM7.4 billion to the banking system in terms of better liquidity management and is seen positive for loan growth and economic activities.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 29 November 2019

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