

# Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Moderate Fund April 2017

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To provide a balanced exposure into equities and bonds

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	20 October 2008				
Domicile	Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia				
Launch Price	RM1.0000				
Units in Circulation	5.29 million units (30 April 2017)				
Fund Size	RM8.86 million (30 April 2017)				
Unit NAV	RM 1.6732 (30 April 2017)				
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd				
Benchmark	50% FBM100 + 50% 12 month FD				
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  Want a balanced portfolio between equities and bonds  Are risk neutral between bonds and equities				
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				

### ASSET ALLOCATION

Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	48.97%
Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	50.99%

management charges on this fund

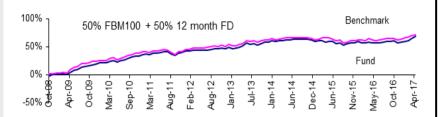
8% of annual investment income

#### WHERE THE FUND INVESTS

Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	48.97%
Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	50.99%
Cash	0.04%
Total	100.00%

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

#### PERFORMANCE RECORD



Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

## **NAV TO NAV**

%	YTD	1M	3M	6 <b>M</b>	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	6.85	2.02	5.55	4.86	6.98	3.82	68.70
Benchmark	5.22	1.18	3.92	4.11	5.66	3.78	72.28

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

\*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 April 2017, the Fund gained 2.02% outperforming the benchmark by 0.84%. The FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBMKLCI) rose another 1.6% in April, driven by inflows from foreign funds. The Ringgit (RM) strengthened 1.9% from RM4.425 to RM4.341 during the month. Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) released their second series of initiatives to develop the onshore financial market by (1) allowing all residents to participate in short-selling activities; and (2) allowing registered non-bank entities to fully hedge their underlying assets. These became effective on 2 May 2017. Malaysia's March headline inflation hit a high of 5.1% y-o-y, fuelled mainly by transport cost.

The local market continues to be bullish, led by net foreign inflows from funds that remain underweight on Malaysia. Year-to-date April 2017, net foreign inflows amounted to RM8.3 billion, with RM2.6 billion inflows in April itself. We will keep our FBMKLCI year end target of 1,820 - 1,850 points as we expect the upcoming 1Q17 results season to drive the market higher. We continue to prefer cyclicals over defensives, maintaining exposure in banks, oil and gas and tourism related-companies. GLC restructuring and e-commerce companies remain core holdings in our portfolios. For fixed income, the Malaysia Government Securities (MGS) yield curve bull steepened in April with short to medium dated bonds traded between 9 – 31 bps lower. The rally in the short end of the curve were driven by strong buying interest from local and some foreign investors following the recent announcement by BNM to allow flexibility on currency trading on the onshore market. The longer dated bonds were relatively unchanged. Trading volume for corporate bonds decreased to RM6.3 billion from RM11.8 billion the previous month. Trading interest was seen in

decreased to RM6.3 billion from RM11.8 billion the previous month. Trading interest was seen in the Quasi-government issuers, GG and AAA segments. Short end credit spreads saw the most widening due to the rally in sovereign bonds.

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Initiation surged to 5.1% in March 2017 Which has increased the expectation for an OPR hike by BNM. However, we expect BNM to maintain the OPR at current levels this year to support economic growth. Foreign sentiment has improved as a result of new regulations announced by BNM which has resulted in the strengthening of the MYR. Any large inflows due to improvement in sentiment could lead to a significant rally in MGS. We expect a large supply of corporate bonds in the pipeline and target to raise cash by taking profit on existing holdings. We are overweight on corporate bonds and aim to switch into primary issuances that offer attractive spreads. We aim to have a tactical positioning on MGS and will participate in new benchmark government auctions opportunistically where we see value. Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

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