

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund March 2018

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To achieve higher returns than the benchmark over the medium to long term while preserving capital and providing opportunity for income.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	01 December 2009			
Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia			
Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	4.214 million units (30 March 2018)			
Fund Size	RM5.531 million (30 March 2018)			
Unit NAV	RM1.3125 (30 March 2018)			
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	Opus Asset Management Sdn Bhd			
Target Fund	Opus Shariah Income Fund			
Benchmark	Maybank, 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit Rate			
Risk Profile	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors who:</li> <li>Have a medium to long term investment time frame</li> <li>Are seeking stability in income through investment in Malaysian Shariah-compliant bonds (sukuk)</li> <li>Are looking for a less volatile investments but can accept lower returns which may fluctuate over the short term</li> </ul>			
Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.0% per annum fund management charge is applied on the Target Fund's NAV by Fund Manager.</li> </ul>			
Taxation	8% of annual investment income			

SECTOR ALLOCATION						
Power	35.85%	Construction	4.46%			
Toll Road	22.65%	Telecommunication	1.46%			
Finance	17.13%	Cash	2.30%			
Infrastructure	10.75%	Total	100.00%			
Property	5.41%					

TOP 5 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND							
Sukuk Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	Rating	%			
Al-Dzahab TR2	5.50%	29.09.23	AAA	11.3			
MEX II	5.20%	29.04.22	AA-	11.3			
YTL Power	5.05%	03.05.27	AA1	11.2			
Sinar Kamiri	5.28%	30.01.24	AA-	11.0			
Danainfra	4.48%	20.10.31	NR-GG	10.8			
Credit Profile				%			
NR-GG				10.75			
AAA				11.33			
AA1				11.25			
AA3				64.37			
Cash				2.30			

## PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Opus Shariah Income Fund ("Target Fund") with the objective to achieve higher returns than the benchmark over the medium to long term while preserving capital and providing opportunity for income.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 March 2018:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-year	Since Inception
Fund*	0.87	0.35	0.87	2.04	4.27	9.28	31.25
Benchmark	0.80	0.26	0.80	1.59	3.20	10.18	28.49

<sup>\*</sup> 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**

With the US widely expected to hike rates at least 3 times in 2018, we view that monetary policy in major economies is likely to remain divergent in the medium term. However, with better global growth and slightly higher inflation expectation, the yield curve may steepen slightly, i.e. yields on the longer end may start to go up, relative to last year. Foreign demand for MGS is seen to be on the rise amid the strengthening ringgit. However, some of this renewed interest may be short term, thus we caution on the risk of reversal. With better economic growth, corporates' credits are expected to improve and hence we prefer to enhance yield by switching from government and government guaranteed sukuk to corporate sukuk. We are shortening duration slightly to around 5.0-5.5 years.

Source: Opus Asset Management Sdn Bhd

## Disclaimer

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