

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund September 2014

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the fund is to provide returns in income mainly through Malaysian Shariah-compliant bonds and other Shariah-compliant fixed income securities.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	01 December 2009			
Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia			
Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	4.0170 million units (30 September 2014)			
Fund Size	RM 4.775 million (30 September 2014)			
Unit NAV	RM 1.1837 (30 September 2014)			
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Sun Life Malaysia Takaful Berhad			
Benchmark	CIMB Islamic 1-Year General Investment Account-i (GIA-i) at effective date			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  Have a medium to long term investment horizon  Are seeking stability in income through investment in primarily in Malaysian Shariah-compliant fixed income securities  Are looking for a less volatile investment but can accept lower returns which may fluctuate over the short term			
Fees	Management Fee: 1.000% p.a.			

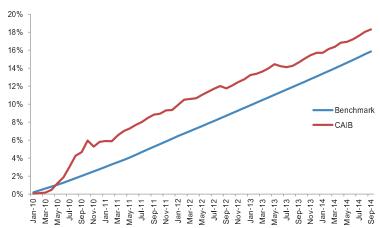
# **ASSET ALLOCATION**

Bonds/ Debentures	80% - 98%	Cash	Up to 20%
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WHERE THE FUND INVESTS				
Corporate Bond	86.00%			
Cash	14.00%			
Total	100.00%			

## **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

#### SLMIB PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



# **NAV TO NAV**

%	MTD	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	0.25%	2.25%	3.22%	8.72%	18.32%
Benchmark	0.27%	2.45%	3.26%	10.07%	15.86%

\*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**

The Fund's performance for the month of September was 0.25%, marginally underperforming its benchmark's performance by 0.02%.

The Malaysian government bond market was relatively quiet at the beginning of the month due to the National Day holiday and a lack of fresh market catalyst coupled with cautious sentiment heading towards Bank Negara's Monetary Policy Meeting ("MPC") on 18 September. The Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve then rallied slightly after Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) left overnight policy rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.25%. However, the MGS yield curve started to taper the later part of the month as market participant believes that US policy rates will remain low in the near term. As a result, the MGS yield curve bear steepened in September with yields higher on the longer tenor of the curve. Trading volume for corporate bonds was lower in September with RM10.97 billion worth of transactions concluded in the market, 12% lower than the previous month's RM12.58 billion in transactions.

The language in the recent Monetary Policy Statement seems to be "less" hawkish as BNM maintained reference to destabilising financial imbalances and added "further adjustment to the degree of monetary may be taken". BNM will need to further monitor the economic data before continuing its monetary policy.

We continue to concentrate mainly on corporate bonds. We prefer primary and secondary issues that have already priced in the risks going forward such as the potential OPR hike and the alignment of sovereign yields.

### Disclaimer:

The benchmark performance is not a guide to future performances which may differ. The performance of the fund is not guaranteed. The value of the fund will fluctuate and may fall below the amount of premiums paid and the fund value depends on the actual performance on the underlying investment.