

# Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Stable Fund January 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	1.83 million units (31 January 2018)				
Fund Size	RM2.70 million (31 January 2018)				
Unit NAV	RM1.4759 (31 January 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				

ASSET ALLOCATION					
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	74.76%				
Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	25.12%				

8% of annual investment income

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS				
Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	74.76%			
Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	25.12%			
Cash	0.12%			
Total	100.00%			

#### PERFORMANCE RECORD



#### NAV TO NAV

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	0.87	0.87	1.90	3.27	7.46	10.00	48.81
Benchmark	1.08	1.08	2.26	2.91	5.77	9.88	54.43

<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**

For the month of January 2018, the Fund increased 0.87%.

The FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBMKLCI) had a strong start in January, jumping 72 basis points (bps) or 4.0% to 1,868 bps, on the back of a stronger Ringgit, higher oil prices, net foreign inflows, hike in overnight policy rate and overall stronger global economies. In January, foreign investors were net buyers of RM3.4 billion vs RM10.3 billion in the whole of 2017. Brent crude oil price closed at USD69.05/barrel, while the Ringgit appreciated 3.8% to close at MYR3.8985. Despite this, the FBMKLCI still underperformed the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan, which gained 6.7% in January.

There is no change to our positive view on Malaysia. We expect better corporate earnings in the upcoming results season to provide further support to the market. We will stay invested and take the current market pullback as a buying opportunity as we stay on course for the run up to the 14th General Election (GE14). External market risks will come if central banks tighten more aggressively than anticipated, in reaction to stronger-than-expected core inflation. Our base case is that we will not see runaway inflation and that central banks will continue to tighten gradually to ensure that the synchronised global economic recovery stays on course. Nevertheless, we will take advantage of the market volatility to reduce portfolio risk as we approach GE14. Our favoured sectors are financials, ecommerce/logistics, tourism, consumer and technology.

BNM delivered 25 bps of anticipated rate hike in January and market is expecting the central bank to pause for the rest of 2018. Further interest rate direction will depend on the second half of 2018 outlook. Post BNM announcement, the government bond yield curve bear flattened slightly which saw short-dated bonds traded relatively higher. Yield on the 1-5-year were higher by 8 – 28 bps while the longer dated government bonds were relatively unchanged. Credit spreads tightened as a consequence following the movement in MGS, more apparent on the 3 - 5-year buckets.

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.

## Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

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