Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund September 2019

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve moderate capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

FUND DETAILS								
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia					
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000					
Units in Circulation	216,467 units (30 September 2019)	Fund Size	RM212,677 (30 September 2019)					
Unit NAV	RM0.9825 (30 September 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)					
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds					
Benchmark	50% Quantshop GII Medium Index + 50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income					
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Want a balanced portfolio that includes Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund. Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad. 					

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND					
Mutual Funds	Cash				
91.63%	8.37%				

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Mutual Funds	91.63%			
Cash	8.37%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND			
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity Fund	46.51%		
CIMB Islamic Sukuk Fund	22.84%		
CIMB Islamic Enhanced Sukuk Fund	22.28%		
Total	91.63%		



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Balanced Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve moderate capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest in Shariah-compliant equities and/or Sukuk.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Balanced Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 September 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	4.63	0.19	0.16	2.17	0.59	N/A	-1.75
Benchmark	6.49	1.01	-0.61	-0.36	0.63	N/A	0.32

^{*} 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 September, the Fund rose by 0.19% in MYR terms, underperforming the Benchmark by 0.82%. Equities driven by Korea were the main detractor. Year-to-date, the Fund rose by +4.63%, underperforming the Benchmark by 1.86%.

Regional equities rose in September as US and China toned down their trade war rhetoric. Korea and Taiwan posted the highest returns on the back of Apple's new iPhone launch and reports of improvement in semiconductor demand amongst large datacenters. The Indian equity market also outperformed after the government announced a surprise fiscal stimulus which involved sizeable corporate tax cuts. With economic growth elusive in both developed and developing countries, central banks continue to embark on monetary policy easing as observed with the US Fed cutting interest rates, China reducing its Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) and ECB announcing a bond-buying program this month. For fixed income, the main contributors were from construction, plantation and conglomerate related sukuk in the Fund.

We maintain NEUTRAL on Malaysia while await policy clarity post Budget 2020 announcement due 11 Oct. With expectation of further OPR cuts over the next 18 months, we continue to like the dividend investment theme, favoring high dividend yielders with earnings resilience. We also look to accumulate selective growth stocks on weakness within the utilities, telecommunication, oil and gas and construction sectors. For regional equities, we continue to diversify the portfolio into off-benchmark names. New ideas will be differentiated in terms of business exposures to the existing stocks in the portfolio to provide resilience. For fixed income, we continue to overweight corporate sukuk with strong fundamentals for better yield pick-up.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 30 September 2019

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