

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund March 2017

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	4.237 million units (31 March 2017)			
Fund Size	RM 5.334 million (31 March 2017)			
Unit NAV	RM 1.2588 (31 March 2017)			
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	Suitable for investors who: have a medium to long term investment time frame are seeking stability in income through investment in Malaysian Shariah-compliant bonds (sukuk) are looking for a less volatile investments but can accept lower returns which may fluctuate over the short term			
Fees	Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund. Up to 1.0% per annum fund management charge is applied on the Target Fund's NAV by Fund Manager.			

SECTOR ALLOCATION					
Toll Road	40.03%	Cash	5.07%		
Finance	24.43%	Plantation	4.07%		
Power	10.23%	Telecommunication	0.17%		
Government	8.06%	-	-		
Infrastructure	7.93%	Total	100%		

8% of annual investment income

TOP 5 HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND						
Sukuk Issuer	Coupon	Maturity Date	Rating	%		
Anih	5.70%	27.11.26	AA	17.6		
Al-Dzahab	5.00%	21.06.19	AAA	14.0		
Malakoff power	5.45%	15.12.23	AA-	10.2		
MEXII	5.20%	29.04.22	AA-	8.4		
Kesturi	4.75%	02.12.26	AA-	8.2		
CREDIT PROFILE			%			
NR-GG				15.99%		
AAA				16.50%		
AA2				21.71%		
AA3				32.79%		
P1				7.94%		
Cash				5.07%		

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 31 March 2017:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	1.06	-0.12	1.06	0.01	1.72	8.13	25.88
Benchmark	0.77	0.26	0.77	1.62	3.30	10.03	24.50

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

Despite the softer bond market in March, we continue to expect local demand to continue to support the market. We expect foreign outflows to taper off after April/May, as most of these short term foreign investors (especially foreign banks) would have unwound their foreign exchange positions taken 6 months ago. Hence, we expect more stability in the market going forward. With the current volatility, we see opportunities to invest in higher yielding sukuks, both in government sukuks and high grade corporate sukuks. With increasing protectionism globally, there is greater downside risk to global growth. As such, we continue to expect global interest rates to be low. On the local front, growth could be slower than expected if external factors affect our exports. With weaker domestic consumption, BNM may need to cut the Overnight Policy Rate to boost domestic consumption. Therefore, our strategy is to remain with a duration of around 6 years, while keeping the portfolio invested in higher grade and more liquid papers.

Source: Opus Asset Management Sdn Bhd

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