

Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Bond Fund May 2016

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	4.123 million units (31 May 2016)				
Fund Size	RM 5.127 million (31 May 2016)				
Unit NAV	RM 1.2436 (31 May 2016)				
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	Sun Life Malaysia Takaful Berhad				
Benchmark	CIMB Islamic 1-Year Fixed Return Income Account-i (FRIA-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%				

WHERE THE FUND INVESTS						
Bonds	86.7%					
Cash & Others	13.3%					
Total	100.00%					

PERFORMANCE RECORD



NAV TO NAV

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since inception
Fund*	1.30	0.23	0.81	1.58	3.07	8.62	24.36
Benchmark	1.38	0.28	0.83	1.66	3.35	9.71	21.19

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 May 2016 was 0.23% as compared to its benchmark of 0.28%.

The Ringgit government bonds saw early month gain in May amid speculation that Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) would consider loosening its policy stance after seeing worries of a fragile GDP growth in Malaysia. However, the gains were shortly reversed when BNM kept the overnight policy rate unchanged at 3.25% and when global markets turned cautious as Yellen and few Fed speakers turned hawkish based on their latest comments and minutes from the previous policy meeting in April. Aside from the 3-year Malaysian Government Securites (MGS) benchmark which was relatively unchanged at 3.26%, the 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30- year MGS benchmark bonds yields rose 4-13 bps to end the month at 3.62%, 3.85%, 3.94%, 4.20%, 4.33% and 4.71%, respectively.

On the corporate bond space, traded volume inched higher with a total transaction volume of RM15.2 billion compared to RM12.8 billion in the month of April. Most of the secondary trades were skewed towards the AA rated power and toll names with investors preferring issuers with dependable and recurring income streams.

Currently, investors are taking a risk off approach. The June FOMC scheduled on 14 and 15 June 2016 will be a key watch as Yellen will be presenting summary of economic projections for the US economy, providing further insights on growth and inflation assessments as well as the Fed fund rate projections. The upcoming Brexit referendum on the 23 June 2016 will also be closely watched by market players. We believe the market will continue to reposition and shift focus to credit market in lieu of the better yield pick-up. We will focus on both corporate bond primary and repriced secondary issuances.

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