

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund March 2019

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To achieve capital stability by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest 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	13,673 units (29 March 2019)		RM13,786 (29 March 2019)				
Unit NAV	RM1.0082 (29 March 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds				
Benchmark	Quantshop GII Medium Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income				
Risk Profile	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors:</li> <li>Have a long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Have a low risk profile and seek for a potentially less volatile investment return</li> <li>Want a minimal exposure to Shariah-compliant equities investment</li> <li>Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Conservative Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.2% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul>				

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Common Stock	Cash			
92 99%	7 01%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Mutual Funds	92.99%			
Cash	7.01%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND			
CIMB Islamic Sukuk Fund	50.18%		
CIMB Islamic Enhanced Sukuk Fund	23.54%		
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity	19.26%		
Total	92.98%		



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### PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into CIMB Islamic Conservative Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital stability 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 Conservative Fund versus its benchmark as at 29 March 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6 <b>M</b>	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	1.01%	0.44%	1.01%	-0.11%	0.56%	N/A	0.82%
Benchmark	2.05%	1.10%	2.05%	3.16%	5.14%	N/A	6.67%

\*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 reported a return of 0.44% underperformed its benchmark by 0.66% in March. Year To Date the Fund underperformed by 1.041% due to weak Malaysian Equity market.

The Government Investment Issues yield curve bull flattened with the 10-year and above curve flattened by 21- 29bps compared to 15 – 27bps at the 10-year below tenors. Trading volume in corporate sukuk increased to RM15.0 billion from RM9.4 billion in February with focus mainly on Quasi-Sovereign and AA rated sukuk.

As expected, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") maintained the Overnight Policy Rate at 3.25% in the March meeting. BNM reiterated that the current monetary accommodativeness is consistent with the intended policy stance. It recognized that there are downside risks in the economic and financial environment. In the 2018 BNM Annual Report, the Central Bank downgraded 2019 growth to 4.3 - 4.8% (2018: 4.7%), below MoF's forecast of 4.9% in October 2018. BNM also revised down the 2019 headline CPI forecast to 0.7 - 1.7% (2.5 - 3.5% during Budget 19 projection) given the lower oil prices and price ceiling mechanism on domestic retail fuel prices. Overall, we maintain our strategy and continue to prefer the credit segment with focus on the primary issuances with strong fundamentals.

For equity, we are hopeful that more pro-growth government policies will be forthcoming; bottoming of earnings estimates and very underweight positioning by foreign investors may provide some impetus for the market to rebound. Hence, we have turned more neutral on the market and would maintain a high asset allocation and add alpha in sectors such as oil and gas and possibly selective Islamic banks.

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 29 March 2019

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