

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Aims to achieve consistent capital appreciation over a medium to long-term by investing in equities and other approved investments, which harmonise with Islamic philosophy and laws.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH

Please refer to the Yearly Fund Fact Sheets at <https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/> for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach of the target fund.

#### FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	01 December 2009	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	23.51 million units (28 February 2025)	Fund Size	RM46.35 million (28 February 2025)
Unit NAV	RM1.9714 (28 February 2025)	Target Fund	AHAM Aiiman Growth Fund (FKA Affin Hwang Aiiman Growth Fund)
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	AHAM Asset Management Berhad	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Benchmark	FBM Emas Shariah Index (FBMS)	Frequency and Basis of Unit Valuation	The unit price is determined daily based on value of the holdings in the target fund, net of expenses, divided by the total number of units in that fund
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a medium to long term investment horizon</li> <li>Are risk tolerant</li> <li>Seek higher returns on the investment that comply with Shariah requirements</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.5% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the Target Fund's NAV by AHAM Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul>

#### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Shariah-compliant equities	Islamic money market instruments, Islamic deposits and / or cash
Minimum of 70% to maximum of 100% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Maximum of 30% of NAV

# Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund

February 2025



## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Industrials	41.90%
Real Estate	16.90%
Health Care	9.90%
Technology	6.00%
Consumer Discretionary	5.20%
Basic Materials	4.10%
Telecommunications	4.00%
Energy	3.30%
Consumer Staples	2.00%
Cash And Cash Equivalent	6.70%
Total	100.00%

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

Axis Real Estate Invt Trust	6.70%
Gamuda Bhd	6.50%
Capital A Berhad	5.20%
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	5.20%
ITMAX SYSTEM Bhd	5.10%
Frontken Corp Bhd	4.80%
SP Setia Bhd Group	4.60%
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	4.10%
V.S. Industry Bhd	4.10%
Axiata Group Bhd	4.00%
Total	50.30%

## PERFORMANCE RECORD

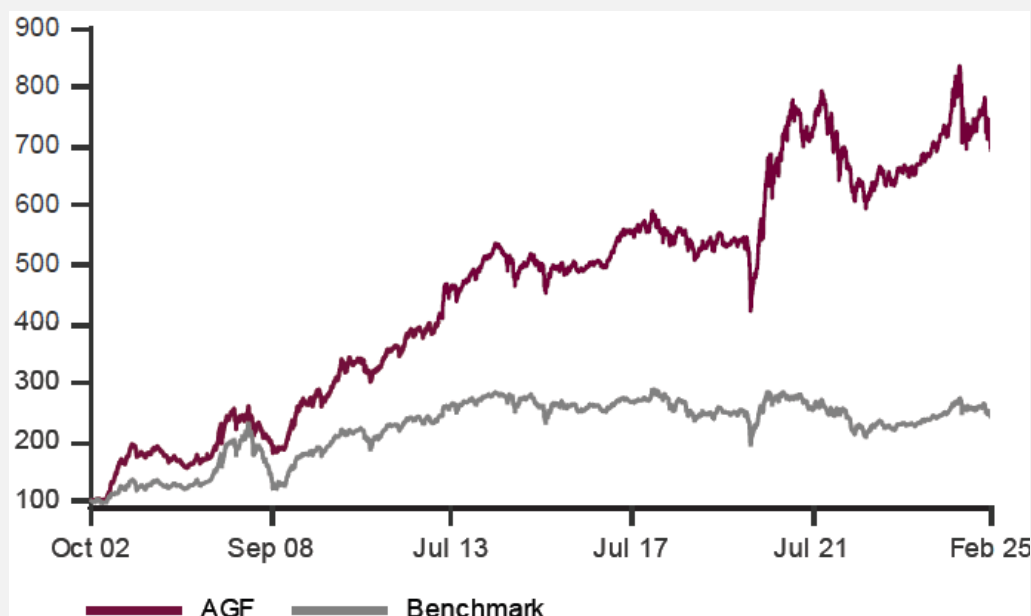
This fund feeds into AHAM Aiman Growth Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve consistent capital appreciation over a medium to long-term by investing in equities and other approved investments, which harmonize with Islamic philosophy and laws.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 28 February 2025:

%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	-9.78	-3.40	-1.10	0.06	31.61	36.23	97.14
<b>Benchmark</b>	-9.36	-2.77	-1.01	-5.82	2.61	-13.02	35.48

\* Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Graph below shows the historical performance of the underlying collective investment schemes (CIS) for the calendar year returns:



Source: MorningStar

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#### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- The local market saw a volatile month, contending with a barrage of headwinds, including trade tariff concerns and persistent foreign outflows. Foreign investors continued to rotate out of ASEAN markets to fund positions in a resurgent China, adding further pressure. Despite this, the FBM KLCI managed to close the month with a modest gain of 1.10%. Technology stocks remained under pressure, struggling to find firm footing despite some tentative gains throughout the month. Sentiment took another hit after Microsoft announced plans to cancel a significant number of data centre leases, dampening optimism in the sector. Towards the end of the week, investor concerns were further exacerbated by potential tariff measures under Donald Trump's proposed economic policies.
- According to Reuters, Trump has outlined plans to impose a 25% tariff on imports of automotive, semiconductor, and pharmaceutical products. This development presents a substantial challenge for Malaysia, given that electrical and electronics (E&E) products account for approximately 60% of its total trade with the U.S. In response, Malaysia, as the 2025 ASEAN chair, is advocating for a special ASEAN-U.S. summit to discuss these trade concerns. At the same time, Malaysian officials are engaging directly with Washington in an effort to safeguard the country's semiconductor industry from potential disruptions.
- On other news, the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) announced a 6.3% dividend for both conventional and Shariah savings for FY2024—the highest payout since 2017. This marks a significant increase from the 5.5% and 5.4% dividends declared for conventional and Shariah savings in FY2023, respectively. The total dividend payout for 2024 amounted to RM73.24 billion, up from RM57.81 billion in the previous year, underscoring the EPF's solid investment performance despite prevailing market uncertainties.
- Foreign outflows persisted last week, with nett equity sales amounting to RM600 million. Total foreign outflows for January and February stood at RM3.1 billion and RM2.2 billion, respectively—already surpassing the entire 2024 net outflow of RM4.3 billion within just the first two months of this year.

#### STRATEGY:

- Increase cash level from 5.8% to 6.7%. While valuations may appear attractive, we are holding off on buying the dip, opting instead to maintain higher cash reserves amid ongoing uncertainty.
- In February, not much changes to our allocation, we are maintaining the current investment positioning.
- Positioning remains focused in growth and cyclicals to capitalise on the improved market sentiment. About 30% of the fund are in defensives / yield to anchor against volatility.

## RISKS

All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

<b>Market risk</b>	Market risk arises because of factors that affect the entire marketplace. Factors such as economic growth, political stability and social environment are some examples of conditions that have an impact on businesses, whether positive or negative. Market risk cannot be eliminated by diversification. It stems from the fact that there are economy-wide perils which threaten all businesses. Hence, investors will be exposed to market uncertainties and no matter how many Shariah-compliant securities are held, fluctuations in the economic, political and social environment will affect the market price of the Shariah-compliant investments either in a positive or negative way.
<b>Fund management risk</b>	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by AHAM Asset Management Berhad which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by AHAM Asset Management Berhad as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error, fraudulence, dishonesty or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.
<b>Performance risk</b>	There is no guarantee in relation to the investment returns.
<b>Inflation risk</b>	This is the risk that your investment in the target fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.
<b>Liquidity risk</b>	Liquidity risk arises in two scenarios. The first scenario is where the target fund's investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the target fund's investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the target fund's investment to be sold below its fair value which would adversely affect the NAV of the target fund.
<b>Credit/Default risk</b>	Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the investment (Islamic money market instruments) and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuers may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investment. In the case of rated investments, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk of an issuer of the investment either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investment. This could adversely affect the value of the target fund.
<b>Equity investment risk</b>	This is the risk associated with investing in a particular equity. The value of individual equity is mainly determined by its potential growth in earnings, sound management, and treatment of minority shareholders, as well as a myriad of other factors. Failure to achieve these would result in declining investment value which in turn affects the performance of the target fund. This can be mitigated by diversifying the target fund's portfolios.

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Reclassification of Shariah status risk**

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities by the target fund may be reclassified to be Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the equities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC), the Shariah Adviser for the target fund or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices.

If this occurs, AHAM Asset Management Berhad will take the necessary steps to dispose of such equities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant equities. AHAM Asset Management Berhad will be required to dispose of these equities immediately if the prices are above the purchase price. Should the prices be below the purchase price, AHAM Asset Management Berhad may choose to hold on to these holdings until the prices meet the purchase price. Nevertheless, should AHAM Asset Management Berhad decide to dispose of these equities below the purchase price, the target fund will be faced with the risk of realising its losses, thus negatively impacting the NAV of the target fund.

**Shariah-compliant warrants investment risk**

The value of the Shariah-compliant warrants ("warrants") will depend on the pricing of the underlying security whereby the growth and performance prospect of the underlying security would consequentially affect the value of the warrants. In addition, the value of the warrants may decrease exponentially as the warrants approach its maturity date and the potential gains from a favourable price movement of the underlying security may be offset by aggressive time decay. AHAM Asset Management Berhad may consider unwinding these warrants if there are material adverse changes to its value with the aim to mitigate the risk.

**Source :** AHAM Asset Management Berhad  
**Date :** 28 February 2025

**Disclaimer:**

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