# Sun Life Malaysia Balanced Stable Fund

September 2025



### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To provide a mixed exposure into equities and bonds, with higher allocation in bonds.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH**

The fund will feed into Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund and Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund according to a predefined asset allocation.

The Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund combines a top down asset and sector allocation process with a bottom—up stock selection process. The asset allocation process is made after a review of macroeconomic trends in Malaysia and for the major economies. In particular, we consider the direction of GDP growth, interest rates, inflation, currencies and government policies. We next assess their impact on the various sectors, together with sector specific parameters to predict any discernible trends or themes. These trends or themes form the basis of our sector selection. Stock selection is based upon improving fundamentals and attractive relative valuations. Rising investor sentiment is an additional criterion. While we use a number of valuation methodologies, the price-earnings ratio is still preferred.

For the Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund, the strategy will be reviewed periodically based on the country's economic and bond outlook. We will adopt an active trading strategy and will be especially selective in buying and selling of securities for the Fund. We formulate an interest rate outlook through examining factors such as the Malaysian inflation rate, monetary policies and economic growth. With an interest rate outlook and yield curve analysis, we identify the weighting of the investment tenure and credit rating for the Fund. As part of the risk management strategy, the Fund is constructed and managed within the predetermined guidelines. Essentially, we monitor the bond portfolio according to duration, credit ratings and sector.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	1.04 million units (30 September 2025)	Fund Size	RM1.98 million (30 September 2025)	
Unit NAV	RM1.8954 (30 September 2025)	Performance Benchmark	25% FBM100 + 75% 12 month FD	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	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	
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee	
Target Market	Suitable for investors:  Want a diversified portfolio in equities but higher exposure in bonds  Prefer less volatile performance and want slightly higher gains than bond return	Fund Management Charge	The fund will feed into Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund and Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund which applies the following fund management charges:  Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund: 1.5% p.a  Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund: 1.0% p.a  There are no other fund management charges on this fund	

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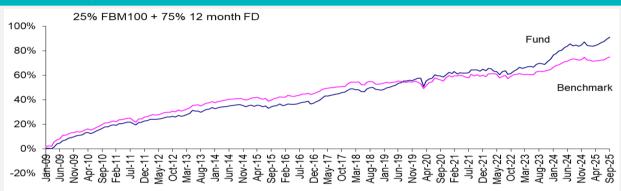
ASS	ET AL	LOCAT	ION

Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund		
75.00%	25.00%		

### WHERE THE FUND INVESTS

Sun Life Malaysia Conservative Fund	Sun Life Malaysia Growth Fund	Cash	Total	
74.78%	25.21%	0.01%	100.00%	

## PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	2.06	0.80	3.43	18.86	19.78	42.28	91.10
Benchmark	0.19	0.66	1.16	11.27	12.14	25.37	75.19

<sup>\*</sup> Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Source: Lipper

## FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

In September 2025, the Fund's performance increased by 0.80%, outperforming the benchmark by 0.14%.

Following a strong August where sentiment improved dramatically following the passing of the US tariff deadline, the KLCI rallied a further 2.3% in September 2025. YTD, Malaysia has almost squared off losses in the local currency term, but up 6% in USD. Investors appear to cheer the Government's cash handouts and lower petrol prices, which should help sustain domestic consumption, with Consumer-related names benefiting.

Malaysia's manufacturing sector remained close to stabilization in September with a relatively unchanged reading of 49.8pts vs 49.9pts in the previous month. According to S&P Global, new orders rose in consecutive months for the first time in 15 months but output scaled back fractionally. Where new order rose, firms mentioned new project launches and higher client confidence, notably in the domestic economy. Firms were also buoyed by a milder rise in input price inflation, which was at a 5-month low, amid softer raw material price pressure. Business sentiment strengthened from August, with the degree of confidence the highest since February - manufacturers remain upbeat on output growth in the coming year. The latest PMI reading suggests that GDP growth in 3Q25 could see an uptick from the previous quarter. To recap, Malaysia's GDP grew 4.4% in 2Q25 similar to 1Q25. BNM now expects Malaysia's GDP to grow 4.0-4.8% in 2025 vs 4.5-5.5% previously, largely reflecting the impact of US tariffs on global trade. On OPR, we do not expect any more revisions following the 25bps cut by BNM in July. Inflation marginally higher at 1.3% in August vs 1.2% in July.

The MGS yield curve bear flattened as yields climbed in September, led by 14bps increase at the front end of the curve while the 10-year and 30-year adjusted higher by 7bps and 4bps respectively, on profit taking activity as we approach the final quarter of the year. Weak auction for government bonds with strong supply of corporate issuances also pushed yields higher.

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## **RISKS**

Market risk

Liquidity risk

Company or security specific

**Credit risk** 

risk

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

Market risk is the risk of negative movement that affects the price of all assets in a particular capital market. The factors influencing the performance of the markets include:

- Economic and financial market conditions
- Political change
- Broad investor sentiment
- Movements in interest rate and inflation
- Currency risks

Stock and/or securities values fluctuate in response to the activities and performance of individual companies and general market or economic conditions. Such movements in the underlying values of the share of the investment portfolio will cause the NAV or prices of units to fall as well as rise. Market risk is mitigated through careful selection of securities and diversification through spreading of risk across a basket of assets and/or sectors.

Interest rate risk

Interest rates are inclined to fluctuate over time. A rise in the general level of interest rates will result in a decline of the value of all bonds and fixed interest securities. Hence a bond fund's NAV will most probably decrease with the rise of interest rates. Maintaining an appropriate diverse mix of assets with different yield and maturity profiles will lessen the impact of interest rate risk.

Liquidity risk is defined as the ease with which a security can be sold at or near its fair value depending on the volumes traded on the market. Liquidity risk is mitigated through the selection of stocks with an active trading volume in the open market. This ensures that exit strategies can be executed with little/minimal impacts to price fluctuations.

There are many specific risks, which apply to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a company of losing a key executive or the unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market. The risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.

Credit risk refers to an issuer's ability to make timely payments of profit and principal. In the event that the issuer of the instrument is faced with financial difficulties, leading to a decrease in their credit worthiness (i.e Bond prices will change/drop in the event of rating downgrade) and default in the payment of profit and principal, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. Credit risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd Date: 30 September 2025

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