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### FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH**

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

| FUND DETAILS                              |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Launch Date                               | 19 April 2021   |   | Domicile  | Malaysia  |  |
| Currency                                  | Ringgit Malaysia  |   | Launch Price                                      | RM1.0000  |  |
| Units in Circulation                      | 15.91 million units<br>(28 March 2025)  |   | Fund Size   | RM 15.15 million<br>(28 March 2025)   |  |
| Unit NAV                                  | RM0.9520<br>(28 March 2023  | 5)  | Target Fund                                       | United- <i>i</i> Global Balanced Fund -<br>MYR hedge Class  |  |
| Fund Manager                              | UOB Islamic As<br>Sdn Bhd   | sset Management   | Taxation  | 8% of annual investment income  |  |
| Performance<br>Benchmark                  | 50% S&P Global BMI Shariah<br>Index + 50% Dow Jones Sukuk<br>Index                          |   | Frequency and Basis of<br>Unit Valuation          | The unit price is determined daily<br>based on value of the holdings in<br>the target fund, net of expenses,<br>divided by the total number of<br>units in that fund  |  |
| Target Market                             | provides ir<br>appreciation<br>have a<br>tolerance<br>want a port<br>that adh<br>principles | investment that<br>noome and capital<br>m moderate risk<br>folio of investments<br>ere to Shariah<br>ve investment with | Fund Management<br>Charges                        | <ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not<br/>impose any fund management<br/>charge on Sun Life Malaysia<br/>Islamic Global Balanced Fund</li> <li>Up to 1.8% p.a fund<br/>management charge is<br/>applied on the target fund's<br/>NAV by UOB Islamic Asset<br/>Management Sdn Bhd</li> </ul> |  |
| ASSET ALLOCATION                          | OF THE TARGE  | T FUND  |   |   |  |
| Shariah-compliant equities Sukuk, Islamic |   | Sukuk, Islamic mo   | oney market instruments o<br>t of Islamic deposit | r Unrated Sukuk   |  |
| 40% - 60% of Net Asset Value (NAV)        |   | 40%   | - 60% of NAV                                      | Up to 20% of NAV  |  |
|   |   |   |   |   |  |

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| SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET<br>FUND (EQUITIES) |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
| Technology   | 15.51% |  |
| Health Care  | 9.41%  |  |
| Consumer Products                                  | 8.12%  |  |
| Industrial Products                                | 6.44%  |  |
| Telecommunication                                  | 3.02%  |  |
| Energy   | 2.21%  |  |
| Financials   | 2.03%  |  |
| Materials  | 1.84%  |  |
| Property & Real Estate                             | 1.10%  |  |
| Transportation & Logistics                         | 0.53%  |  |
| Utilities  | 0.39%  |  |
| Mining & Petroleum                                 | 0.06%  |  |
| Total  | 50.66% |  |
|  |        |  |

| TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
|                                 |  |
|                                 |  |

| Bonds Issuer                               | Coupon | Maturity Date | %     |  |
|--|--------|---------------|-------|--|
| KSA SUKUK                                  | 2.969  | 29/10/2029    | 2.28  |  |
| SAUDI ELECTRICITY GLOBAL<br>SUKUK          | 4.723  | 27/09/2028    | 1.82  |  |
| KSA SUKUK                                  | 3.628  | 20/04/2027    | 1.81  |  |
| KSA SUKUK                                  | 4.303  | 19/01/2029    | 1.81  |  |
| PERUSAHAAN PENERBIT SSBN                   | 4.150  | 29/03/2027    | 1.80  |  |
| TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES) |        |               |       |  |
| APPLE ORD                                  |        |               | 3.00% |  |
| NVIDIA ORD                                 |        |               | 2.95% |  |
| MICROSOFT ORD                              |        |               |       |  |
| AMAZON COM ORD                             |        |               |       |  |
| ALPHABET CL A ORD                          |        |               |       |  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND (SUKUK) |        |  |  |
|--|--------|--|--|
| Financials                                   | 14.94% |  |  |
| Government                                   | 14.28% |  |  |
| Infrastructures & Utilities                  | 11.97% |  |  |
| Telecommunication                            | 3.16%  |  |  |
| Energy                                       | 0.54%  |  |  |
| Property & Real Estate                       | 0.24%  |  |  |
| Total  | 45.13% |  |  |

| PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION |         |  |  |
|----------------------|---------|--|--|
| Equity               | 50.66%  |  |  |
| Bonds                | 45.13%  |  |  |
| Cash                 | 4.21%   |  |  |
| Total                | 100.00% |  |  |





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### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

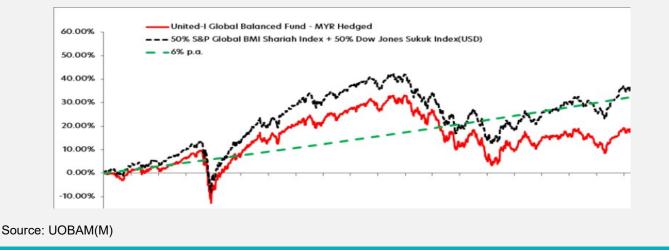
This fund feeds into United-*i* Global Balanced Fund -MYR hedge Class ("target fund") with the objective to provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally.

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

| %         | YTD   | 1M    | 3M    | 6M    | 1-Year | 3-Years | Since<br>Inception |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| Fund*     | -2.58 | -2.57 | -2.58 | -3.60 | -0.72  | -3.26   | -4.80              |
| Benchmark | -1.81 | -2.58 | -1.81 | -3.13 | 3.63   | 10.97   | 12.69              |

\* 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:



### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

#### Equity

The portfolio modestly outperformed the index for the period, however delivered negative returns. Strong selection in utilities, health care and communication services were offset by selection in information technology. On a regional basis, strong stock selection in North America was partially offset by selection in Emerging Markets, Developed EU & Middle East ex UK and Japan. Within utilities and health care, our top relative contributors were overweight to ENN Energy and Haleon, respectively. Within information technology and industrials, out top relative detractors were overweight to MongoDB and Vertiv Holdings, respectively. Shares of ENN Energy Holdings, one of the largest clean energy distributors in China, rose after the company received a take-private offer from its largest shareholder, ENN Natural Gas, for approximately \$11.6 billion. The deal is part of ENN Natural Gas' reorganization ahead of its own proposed listing in Hong Kong. Shares of MongoDB fell over the period after issuing a weak guidance for fiscal 2026. Management stated it expects adjusted earnings per share of \$2.44 to \$2.62 and revenue of \$2.24 billion to \$2.28 billion, implying 12.7% revenue growth, which would be the slowest rate at least since the company went public in 2017.

#### Sukuk

The sukuk sleeve underperformed its benchmark by 3 basis points (bps), recording a positive return o f0.61% versus the benchmark's 0.64%. Government agencies contributed positively to the portfolio, while the utility sector was a detractor. KSA Sukuk Ltd was the main contributor, while TNB Global Venture was the main detractor. The fund's duration (2.94) is shorter than the benchmark (4.44).



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## RISKS

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

| General market<br>environment Risk                              | Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the target fund's NAV.   |
|---|---|
| Inflation Risk  | 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.   |
| Manager's Risk  | This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by UOBAM which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by UOBAM 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 or weakness in operational process and systems may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.  |
| Reclassification of<br>Shariah non-<br>compliant status<br>Risk | This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities in the target fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC), the Shariah adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the target fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the target fund to fall. |
| Credit and Default<br>Risk                                      | Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and /or financial institutions where the Islamic deposits are placed may impact the value as well as liquidity of the Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and/or Islamic deposits. In the case of rated Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments and financial institutions, this may lead to a credit downgrade.  |
|   | financial institution where the Islamic deposits are placed either defaulting on payments or failing<br>to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the Sukuk,<br>Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits. This could adversely affect the NAV of<br>the target fund.  |

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| RISKS (CONTINUED)  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Interest Rate Risk | Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. When interest rates rise, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall. Meanwhile, Sukuk and/or Islamic money market instruments with longer maturities and lower profit rates are more sensitive to interest rate changes. |  |  |  |
| Equity Risk        | As the target fund will be investing in Shariah-compliant equities, the target fund will be affected by equity risk. Generally, equity risk may arise in the following forms, i.e., equity risks related to external factors and equity risks related to company-specific factors. All of these related equity risks can adversely affect the prices of equities, which would negatively impact the performance of the target fund.  |  |  |  |
| Country Risk       | The target fund is also subject to country risk. The value of the assets of the target fund may also<br>be affected by the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other<br>developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund may invest in.<br>Further, when investing in foreign markets, there are countries which may require prior approvals<br>before investments can take place.   |  |  |  |

Source : UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad Date : 28 March 2025

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