# **Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund**

February 2025



# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund aims to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, whilst maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposits placements that comply with the Shariah principles.

# **INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH**

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

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	18 January 2019	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	2.65 million units (28 February 2025)	Fund Size	RM3.06 million (28 February 2025)		
Unit NAV	RM1.1568 (28 February 2025)	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class Al		
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Performance Benchmark	Islamic Interbank Overnight Rate	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		
Target Market	Suitable for investors:  Seek liquid and low risk investment with a short-term investment horizon  Want a Shariah-compliant investment  Seek for security and flexibility in investment	Fund Management Fee	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Deposit Fund</li> <li>Up to 0.30% of the NAV of the fund, accrued on a daily basis by the Principal Asset Management Bhd</li> </ul>		

# **ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND**

Deposits Cash Maximum 5% of NAV Minimum 95% of Net Asset Value (NAV)

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Shariah-compliant Money Market	97.52%	
Cash	2.48%	
Total	100.00%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND			
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	2.30%		
Public Islamic Bank Bhd	1.70%		
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	1.58%		
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	1.21%		
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	0.97%		
Alliance Islamic Bank Malaysia Bhd	0.73%		
Affin Islamic Bank Bhd	0.73%		
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	0.73%		
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd	0.73%		
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	0.73%		
Total	11.41%		

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#### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

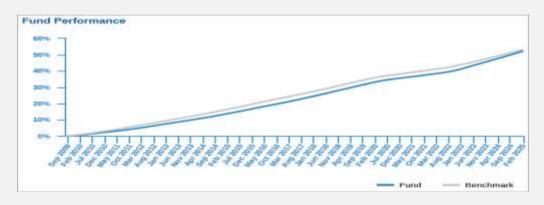
This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Deposit Fund - Class AI ("target fund") with the objective to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, while maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in Islamic deposit placements with licensed Islamic financial institutions that comply with Shariah principles.

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

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.52	0.25	1.59	3.21	9.15	12.96	15.68
Benchmark	0.49	0.23	1.51	3.08	8.63	12.64	16.74

<sup>\*</sup> 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: Lipper

# **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

The Fund delivered 0.25% in February 2025 which was outperforming the benchmark by 2bps, and delivered 3.21% in the 12-months period ending 28 February 2025, outperforming the benchmark by 13bps.

Malaysia's economy grew by 5.0% YoY in 4Q2024, higher than the official advance estimates of 4.8% released earlier. The 4Q2024 growth was supported by the strong expansion in investment activities, sustained household spending amid improved labor market conditions and policy support as well as continued growth in exports of goods and services. Full year GDP growth accelerated to 5.1%, sharply higher than 3.6% in 2023, due to continued expansion in domestic demand of +6.5% YoY (2023: +4.6% YoY) and a rebound in net exports to +2.2% YoY (2023:-16.2% YoY).

Headline inflation held steady at 1.7% YoY in January 2025 (December 2024: 1.7%). Food & beverages and housing & utilities, which made up of 29.8% and 23.2% of the CPI basket respectively, rose at a slightly moderated pace at 2.8% and 2.5% as compared with 3.2% and 2.7% respectively in the previous month. Meanwhile, core inflation ticked up for the first time in 10 months to 1.8% YoY in January (December 2024: 1.6%).

Exports in January 2025 recorded slower increase of 0.3% YoY from 16.9% YoY in December 2024. The slowdown in exports was broad based across key sectors and key export destinations. By sector, manufacturing exports rose 0.4% YoY (December: +18.5% YoY), agriculture exports softened to 11% YoY (December: +28.9% YoY) and mining shipments declined by -12.6% (December: -5.1% YoY). Broadly, exports to the US and Singapore continued to grow but at a slower pace whilst the exports to China turned negative after the brief rebound in December 2024.

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# **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS (CON'T)**

The unemployment rate fell to 3.1% in December 2024 from 3.2% in November 2024, thereby making the full year unemployment rate at 3.3% for 2024 as compared to 3.4% in the previous year 2023. The improvement in labor market in 2024 was partly contributed by a sustained labor demand across various sectors which saw an increase in job opportunities. Labor supply remained forthcoming with the labor force participation rate in 2024 increased to 70.4% from 70% in 2023.

RISKS		
Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is NO GUARANTEE on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the target fund's investment objective will be achieved.	
General market 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.	
Financing risk	This risk occurs when you obtain financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with money obtained from financing includes you being unable to service the financing payments.	
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Principal which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by Principal as a result of an incorrect view of the market may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.	
Reclassification of Shariah non- compliant status 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, the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or the Shariah adviser of the issuer.	
Credit and default risk	Investment of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal aim to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.  Investment in the target fund is not the same as placing funds in a Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed Islamic financial institution. There are risks involved and investors should rely on their own evaluation to assess the merits and risks when investing in the target fund.	

Source: Principal Asset Management Berhad

Date : 28 February 2025

#### Disclaimer:

This is strictly the performance of the investment fund, and not the returns earned on the actual takaful contributions paid of the investment-linked product. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The performance of the fund is not guaranteed. The value of the fund will fluctuate and may fall below the amount of contributions paid and the fund value depends on the actual performance of the underlying investment. This material is for information purposes only and is subject to change at any time without notice. Sun Life Malaysia does not guarantee its accuracy, completeness, correctness or timeliness for any purpose or reason. This information should not be considered as advice or recommendation in relation to your account or particular investment objectives, financial situation or needs. You may not revise, transform, or build upon this material without prior written consent of Sun Life Malaysia. Before acting on any information you should seek independent financial advice. Sun Life Malaysia may suspend the unit pricing and defer the payment of benefits, other than death and total and permanent disability benefits, subscription or redemption of units, switching of funds, under this contract for a reasonable period in exceptional circumstances, such as and including intervening events resulting in temporary closure of any stock exchange.