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# Product Highlights Sheet CIMB-Principal Strategic Bond Fund

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#### The Manager

Principal Asset Management Berhad ("Principal Malaysia") (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad) holds a Capital Markets Services License for fund management and dealing in securities restricted to unit trusts under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and specializes in managing and operating unit trusts for investors, both institutional and retail. Principal Malaysia's responsibilities include managing investment portfolios by providing fund management services to insurance companies, pension funds, unit trust companies, corporations and government institutions in Malaysia. In addition, Principal Malaysia is an approved private retirement scheme provider in Malaysia. Principal Malaysia originally commenced its operations as a unit trust company in November 1995.

This Product Highlights Sheet only highlights the key features and risks of this unlisted capital market product. We recommend that you read this Product Highlights Sheet together with the Master Prospectus dated 30 June 2017 and its supplementary (if any). You are advised to request, read and understand the Master Prospectus before deciding to invest.

# Brief Information on CIMB-Principal Strategic Bond

CIMB-Principal Strategic Bond Fund is a bond fund issued by Principal Malaysia. The Fund aims to provide growth to the value of Unit holders' investments over the medium-term in a medium to long-term bond portfolio as well as to provide a source of regular income.

This is neither a capital protected nor capital guaranteed fund.

# **Product Suitability**

The recommended investment timeframe for this Fund is three (3) years or more. This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- have a medium-term to long-term investment horizon;
- want a diversified portfolio of investments that includes bonds;
- seek for less volatile asset class with some exposure to equities;
- seek capital appreciation over medium-term to long-term; and/or
- can accept that returns may fluctuate over the short-term.

# **Key Product Features**

Fund Category/Type	Bond / Income & Growth
Benchmark	Quant shop MGS Bond Index (Medium Sub-Index) for performance comparison purpose only.
Investment policy and principal investment strategy	The Fund may invest between 70% to 98% (both inclusive) of its NAV in debentures rated at least "BBB3" or "P3" by RAM or equivalent rating by MARC or by local rating agency(ies) of the country of issuance or "BB" by S&P or equivalent rating by Moody's or Fitch. The Fund may invest up to 40% of its NAV in Unrated Debentures*; up to 28% of its NAV in other permissible investments; up to 10% of its NAV in equities; up to 10% of its NAV in warrants and options; and up to 10% of its NAV in ICULS and/or exchangeable bonds.
	As a strategic bond fund, the Fund may also allocate part of its fixed income portfolio to be invested in ICULS and/or exchangeable bonds listed on Bursa Malaysia and other eligible exchanges, but subject to a maximum of 10% of its NAV. In line with its objective, the investment strategy and policy of the Fund is to invest in a diversified portfolio of approved fixed income securities aims to provide a steady stream of income while utilizing warrants and options to provide added returns when appropriate. To achieve its objective, the Fund may also invest in structured products and/or derivatives such as forward contracts, options, futures contracts and swap agreements, that are related/linked to fixed income securities. The Fund may also invest up to 30% of its NAV in foreign markets where the regulatory authorities are ordinary or associate members of the IOSCO.
Launch date	23 March 2004
Financial year-end	31 December
Distribution policy	Distribution (if any) is expected to be distributed once a year every January at our discretion.
Manager	Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad)
Trustee	Maybank Trustees Berhad
Solicitors	Soon Gan Dion & Partners

# **Key Risks**

General risks of inves	General risks of investing in a unit trust fund					
Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is <b>NO GUARANTEE</b> on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the fund's investment objective will be achieved.					
General market environment 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 fund's NAV.					
Inflation risk	This is the risk that investors' investment in the unit trust fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce investors' 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 fund by the manager which will impact the performance of the fund, e.g.investment decisions undertaken by the manager as a result of an incorrect view of the market may adversely affect the performance of the fund.				
Loan financing risk	This risk occurs when investors finance their investment. The inherent risk of investing with borrowed money includes investors being unable to service the loan repayments.				
Specific risks of the Fund	i				
Credit and default risk	Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the securities issuers or counterparties and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Default risk relates to the risk a securities issuer or counterparties either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner. If the risk materialize, the value of the Fund could be adversely affected.				
Interest rate risk	Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of debt instrument When interest rates rise, debt instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the mark value of the Fund's investment in debt instruments.				
Country risk	Investments of the Fund in any countries may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. For example, deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the Fund's NAV.				
Currency risk	As the investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. Any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.				
Company specific risk	The investment of the Fund in companies may be affected by any company-specific changes such as the company's business situation, unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market or the company's credit rating being downgraded. This may cause the price of any issuance by that company to fall and in turn may cause the net asset value of the Fund to fall.				
Risks associated with investment in warrants and/or options	There are inherent risks associated with investment in warrants and/or options. The value of warrants and/or options are influenced by the current market price of the underlying security, the exercise price of the contract, the time to expiration of the contract and the estimate of the future volatility of the underlying security's price over the life of the contract.				
Risk of investing in emerging markets	Investment in emerging markets generally involves a higher degree of risk due to the greater possibility of political or economic instability and societal tensions. As such, you should be aware that investments in emerging markets may subject to higher price volatility and therefore will tend to have a higher investment risks that will affect the Fund's growth.				
Risk associated with investment in structured products	Investments in structured product are linked to the performance of specific underlying assets and are not equivalent to investment directly into those underlying assets. Generally, structured product has specified investment tenure. In the event the structure product unwinds before its maturity, the Fund may not be able to recoup the full principal amount. Investments in structured product are also subject to credit and default risk of the issuer of the structured product. Where the issuer of the structured product is unable to meet its financial obligations towards the Fund, the value of the Fund will be adversely affected. As such, investments in structured products may increase likelihood of high volatility of the NAV per unit of the Fund. We aim to mitigate this risk by having a stringent credit selection process for the issuer. If we are of the opinion that there is a material adverse change to an issuer, we may consider unwinding that particular structured product.				
Risk associated with investment in derivatives	As the Fund may invest in derivatives, it may be subject to risks associated with such investments. Investments in derivatives may require the deposit of initial margin and additional deposit of margin on short notice if the market moves against the investment positions. If no provision is made for the required margin within the prescribed time, the Fund's investments may be liquidated at a loss. As such, investments in derivatives may increase likelihood of high volatility of the NAV per unit of the Fund. Therefore, it is essential that such investments in derivatives be monitored closely. We have the necessary controls for investment in derivatives and have in place systems to monitor any derivative positions for the Fund.				

Note: Please take note that if your investments are made through an IUTA via a nominee system of ownership, you would not be deemed to be a Unit holder under the Deed and as a result, you may not exercise all the rights ordinarily conferred to a Unit holder (e.g. the right to call for Unit holders' meetings and the right to vote at a Unit holders' meeting).

# Fees & Charges

Application Fee	Up to 2.00% of the NAV per unit
Withdrawal Fee	Nil.

Switching Fee	Switching is treated as a withdrawal from the Fund and an investment into another Principal Malaysia's fund, you will be charged a Switching Fee equal to the difference (if any) between the Application Fees of these two (2) funds. In addition, we may impose a RM100 administrative fee for every switch made out of the Fund.
Transfer Fee	A maximum of RM50.00 may be charged for each transfer.
Management Fee	Up to 1.00% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.05% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.
Other charges payable directly by you when purchasing or withdrawing the units	Any applicable bank charges and other bank fees incurred as a result of an investment or withdrawal will be borne by you.
Expenses directly related to the Fund	Only expenses that are directly related to the Fund can be charged to the Fund. Examples of relevant expenses are audit fee and tax agent's fee.

**Note:** All fees and charges are subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties as may be imposed by the government or other authorities (if any) from time to time. As a result of changes in any rule, regulation, directive, notice and/or law issued by the government or relevant authority, there may be additional cost to the fees, expenses, charges and/or taxes payable to and/or by the Fund or you as disclosed in the Product Highlights Sheet.

Despite the maximum Application Fee disclosed above, you may negotiate with us or our Distributors for lower fee or charges. However, you should note that we or our Distributors may, for any reason at any time, where applicable, accept or reject your request and without having to assign any reason, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor or a group of investors) without prior notice to you. If you invest via EPF-MIS (where available), you may be charged an Application Fee of up to 3.00% of the NAV per unit, or such other rate as may be determined by the EPF.

We may, for any reason at any time, where applicable, waive or reduce the amount of any fees (except the Trustee Fee) or other charges payable by you in respect of the Fund, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor or a group of investors) and for any period or periods of time at our absolute discretion.

### **Transaction Information**

Minimum initial	Non-RSP	: RM2,000 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.				
investment#	RSP	: RM2,000 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.				
Minimum additional	Non-RSP	: RM500 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.				
investment	RSP	: RM500 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.				
Minimum withdrawal	500 units or such o	other amount as we may decide from time to time.				
Minimum balance	1,000 units or such	other amount as we may decide from time to time.				
Switching	for a switch is subj for switching to the mining the mining entirety; the the the mining the witching to the mining the case the mining the minin	out of the Fund: num withdrawal amount applicable to the Fund; num balance required for the Fund, unless you are withdrawing from the Fund in and drawal Fee of the Fund (if any).				
Transfer	Transfer of unit holdings is allowed but this is subject to conditions stipulated in the Deed.					
Cooling-off period	Six (6) Business Days from the date the application form is received and accepted by us or our Distributors from the first time investor. However, Principal Malaysia's staff and person(s) registered to deal in unit trust of Principal Malaysia or any Distributors are not entitled to the cooling-off right.  In addition, if you have invested via the EPF-MIS (where available), your cooling-off right is subject to EPF's terms and conditions.					

<sup>\*</sup>The minimum initial investment for the EPF-MIS (where available) shall be RM1,000 (or such other amount as may be determined by EPF) or as per the amount stated under the minimum initial investment column, whichever is higher. Please note that there may be changes to the status of the eligibility of the Fund under the EPF-MIS from time to time. Please refer to our website at <a href="http://www.principal.com.my">http://www.principal.com.my</a> or <a href="http://www.principal.com.my">http://www.kwsp.gov.my</a> for updated information.

**Note:** You may request for a lower amount or number of units when purchasing units (or additional units) or withdrawing units, which will be at our sole and absolute discretion. However, you should note that we may, for any reason at any time, where applicable, accept or reject your request to lower the amount or number of units and without having to assign any reason, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor or a group of investors) without prior notice to you. We may also, for any reason at any time, where applicable, reduce the minimum balance, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor or a group of investors) without prior notice to you. For increase in the amount or units for minimum withdrawal and minimum balance, we will require concurrence from the Trustee and you will be notified of such changes before implementation.

# YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT OR ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT.

#### **Valuations**

#### If the Fund does not have foreign investments:

We will value the Fund for a Business Day at the end of that Business Day (T day). The NAV per unit for a Business Day is available on our website at http://www.principal.com.my after 10:00 a.m. on the following Business Day (T+1).

#### If the Fund has foreign investments:

We will value the Fund for a Business Day on the next Business Day (T+1) by 4:00 p.m. This is to cater for the currency translation of the foreign securities/instruments to the Fund's base currency. Currently, the currency translation is based on the bid exchange rate quoted by Bloomberg or Reuters at UK time 4:00 p.m. on the same day (Malaysian time 11:00 p.m. or 12:00 a.m.), or such other time as stipulated in the IMS. The NAV per unit for a Business Day is available on our website at http://www.principal.com.my after 5:30 p.m. on the following Business Day (T+1).

Please refer to the "Unit Pricing" section of the Master Prospectus for more information.

#### **Avenues to Exit This Investment**

To exit from this investment, you may withdraw from the Fund, switch out of the Fund or transfer your unit holdings to other investors.

You may withdraw your investment at the NAV per unit of the Business Day.

Withdrawals can be made from the Fund by completing a withdrawal form and sending it to the relevant Distributor or our head office. There is no restriction on the frequency of withdrawals. The amount that you will receive is calculated by the withdrawal value less the Withdrawal Fee, if any. You will be paid in RM within ten (10) calendar days. You will have to bear the applicable bank fees and charges, if any.

For more information on the withdrawals, switching, transfer facility and cooling-off period, please refer to the "Transaction Information" chapter of the Master Prospectus. For more information on the fees and charges incur when you exit from this investment, please refer to "Fees, Charges and Expenses" chapter of the Master Prospectus.

#### **Fund Performance**

# Average total return of the Fund

FYE: 31 December 2018 in %	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since inception
Fund	3.13	3.89	3.42	4.90	5.64
Benchmark	3.29	3.87	4.08	3.77	4.17

Note: All performance figures have been extracted from Lipper.

For the financial year under review, the Fund delivered 3.13% of total return, underperforming Benchmark by 16 bps. The underperformance was mainly due to equity market weaknesses in 2018.

# Annual total return of the Fund

FYE: 31 December 2018, in %	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Fund	3.13	3.30	5.24	2.74	2.70	4.12	5.16	5.11	10.02	7.71
Benchmark	3.29	4.95	3.38	5.38	3.44	1.94	3.77	4.78	5.34	1.51

Note: All performance figures have been extracted from Lipper.

#### Basis of calculation and assumptions made in calculating the returns

Percentage = NAV on that day – NAV of previous day Average	=	Total returns of the years under review
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growth	NAV of previous day	total return	Number of years under review
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#### Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR")

FYE: 31 December	2018	2017	2016
Fund	1.17	1.07	1.01

The Fund's PTR increased to 1.17 times mainly due to reduction of equity holdings in the portfolio during the financial year under review.

#### Distribution

FYE: 31 December		2018 2017		2016
Fund	Gross distribution per unit (Sen)	5.35	2.89	2.18
Fulld	Net distribution per unit (Sen)	5.35	2.89	2.18

Distribution was in the form of cash or reinvested into additional units in the Fund at the NAV per unit on the distribution date.

#### PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

# Contact for Further Information / Complaint

- (i) You may contact our Customer Care Centre at (03) 7718 3000. Our Customer Care Centre is available between 8:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (Malaysian time) on Mondays to Thursdays and between 8:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. (Malaysian time) on Fridays (except on Selangor public holidays) or you can e-mail us at service@principal.com.my.
- (ii) Alternatively, you may also contact:
  - (a) Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC):

via phone to
 via fax to
 via e-mail to
 i 03-2282 2280
 i 03-2282 3855
 i info@sidrec.com.my

via letter to
 : Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)
 Unit A-9-1, Level 9, Tower A, Menara UOA Bangsar

No.5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur

(b) SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

via phone to Aduan Hotline at : 03-6204 8999
 via fax to : 03-6204 8991

via e-mail to : aduan@seccom.com.my

• via online complaint form available at <u>www.sc.com.my</u>

via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office

Securities Commission Malaysia

No 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Bukit Kiara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur

(c) Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia's Complaints Bureau:

via phone to : 03-2092 3800via fax to : 03-2093 2700

• via e-mail to : <u>complaints@fimm.com.my</u>

• via online complaint form available at www.fimm.com.my

via letter to : Legal, Secretarial & Regulatory Affairs

Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia

19-06-1, 6th Floor Wisma Tune

No. 19, Lorong Dungun Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur

# **Appendix: Glossary**

Application Fee - Preliminary charge on each investment.

Bursa Malaysia - Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

**Business Day** 

- Mondays to Fridays when Bursa Malaysia is open for trading, and/or banks in Kuala Lumpur and/or Selangor are open for business.

**Note:** We may declare certain Business Days to be a non-Business Day for the Fund, if the Fund's investments in foreign markets (if any) which are closed for business or suspended, is at least 50% of the Fund's NAV. This information will be communicated to you via our website at <a href="http://www.principal.com.my">http://www.principal.com.my</a>. Alternatively, you may contact our Customer Care Centre at (03) 7718

3000.

Deed - The principal deed and any supplemental deed in respect of the Fund made between us, the Trustee and

the Unit holders of the Fund, agreeing to be bound by the provisions of the Deed.

Distributor - Any relevant persons and bodies appointed by Principal Malaysia from time to time who are responsible

for selling units of the Fund including Principal Distributors and IUTAs.

EPF - Employees' Provident Fund.

EPF-MIS - EPF's Members Investment Scheme.

Fitch - Fitch Ratings.

Fund or SBF - CIMB-Principal Strategic Bond Fund.

ICULS - Irredeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock.

IMS - Investment Management Standards issued by the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia.

IOSCO - International Organization of Securities Commissions. For further details, please refer to

http://www.iosco.org.

IUTAs - Institutional Unit Trust Scheme Advisers.

Management Fee - A percentage of the NAV of the Fund that is paid to the Manager for managing the portfolio of the Fund.

MARC - Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad.

Moody's - Moody's Investors Service.

NAV - Net Asset Value.

NAV of the Fund - The NAV of the Fund is the value of all Fund's assets less the value of all the Fund's liabilities, at the point

of valuation. For the purpose of computing the annual Management Fee (if any) and annual Trustee Fee (if any), the NAV of the Fund should be inclusive of the Management Fee and Trustee Fee for the relevant

day.

NAV per unit - The NAV of the Fund divided by the number of units in circulation, at the valuation point.

Principal Malaysia or the Manager

Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad).

Principal

Distributors

Refers to the unit trust consultants of Principal Malaysia.

Product Highlights Sheet - Refers to the disclosure document issued by us that contains clear and concise information of the salient

features of the Fund.

RAM - RAM Rating Services Berhad.

RM or MYR - Malaysian Ringgit.
RSP - Regular Savings Plan.

Quant shop MGS Bond Index (Medium Sub-Index) Quant shop Malaysian Government Securities Bond Index.

S&P - Standard & Poor's.

SC - Securities Commission Malaysia.

SC Guidelines - SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds as may be amended and/or updated from time to time.

Switching Fee - A charge that may be levied when switching is done from one (1) fund to another.

Transfer Fee - A nominal fee levied for each transfer of units from one (1) Unit holder to another.

Trustee Fee - A percentage of the NAV of the Fund that is paid to the Trustee for its services rendered as trustee of the

Fund.

UK - United Kingdom.

Unit holder - The registered holder for the time being of a unit of the Fund including persons jointly so registered.

Unrated - Refers to debentures which are not rated by any rating agencies.

Debentures Note: In this context, unrated is not junk. The Fund will only invest in Unrated Debentures that fulfill the

selection criteria of our credit evaluation process.

Withdrawal Fee - A charge levied upon withdrawal under certain terms and conditions (if applicable).

Note: Unless the context otherwise requires,

- words importing the singular number should include the plural number and vice versa;
- reference to any rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, directives, notices, legislation or statutes in this Product Highlights Sheet shall be reference to those rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, directives, notices, legislations or statutes for the time being in force, as may be amended, varied, modified, updated, superseded and/or re-enacted, from time to time;
- time, day or date disclosed in this Product Highlights Sheet shall be a reference to that time, day or date in Malaysia; and
- reference to "days" in this Product Highlights Sheet will be taken to mean calendar days.

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