

Principal Islamic Enhanced Opportunities Fund - Class MYR

29 February 2024 Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme



Fund Objective

The Fund aims to earn reasonable returns for investors by investing in approved equities listed on Bursa Malaysia as well as unlisted securities and other non-interest bearing assets acceptable under Shariah principles. The Fund may invest a minimum of 70% and up to a maximum of 98% of its NAV in local Shariah-compliant equities. The Fund may also invest up to 28% of its NAV in other permissible Shariahcompliant investments. As an aggressive Fund, the Fund will be managed with higher beta and tracking error. The investment policy and strategy of the Fund will be to invest in Shariah-compliant stocks which are selected based on their future growth prospects.

Lipper Score

Total Return



Morningstar Rating

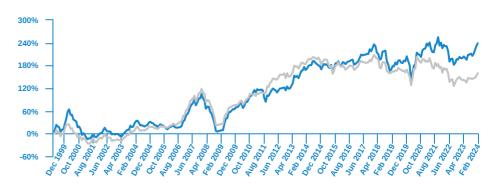






Fund Information	า
ISIN Code	MYU1000AM002
Lipper ID	60001606
Bloomberg Ticker	BBMBDPI MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	15 Jun 1995
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index
Application Fee	IUTAs: 5.00% of the NAV per unit Principal Agency Distributor: 5.00% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.50% p.a of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.045% p.a. of the NAV
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 137.46 million
Fund Unit	191.01 million units
NAV per unit (As at 29 Feb 2024)	MYR 0.7196
Initial Offering Period Initial Offering Period	

Fund Performance



Fund Benchmark

eformance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss

Cumulative Performance (%)								
	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Fund	5.17	1.83	8.77	9.76	13.34	0.32	21.95	239.23
Benchmark	4.91	2.22	5.48	5.56	6.76	-11.18	-1.74	192.69

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	8.94	-13.10	5.15	6.45	14.26	-18.37
Benchmark	0.46	-10.80	-6.81	10.14	3.86	-13.52

Most Recent Fund Distributions	2023 Jan	2022 Jan	2021 Jan	2020 Jan	2019 Jan	2018 Jan
Gross (sen/unit)	0.32	2.20	2.18	0.50	2.40	5.20
Annualised Yield (%)	0.50	3.17	2.96	0.72	3.80	6.31

Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

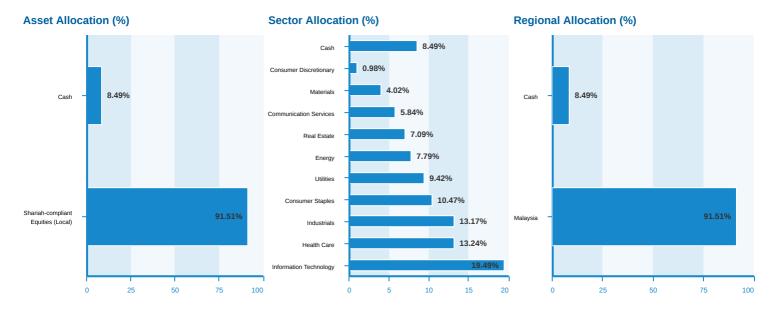
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV. Source : Lipper

Top Holdings	Country	% of Net Assets
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	Malaysia	9.42
Hartalega Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	6.22
Nationgate Holdings Bhd	Malaysia	5.41
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	Malaysia	4.55
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	4.02
QL Resources Bhd	Malaysia	3.69
Dayang Enterprise Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	3.36
ITMAX System Bhd	Malaysia	3.25
Genetec Technology Bhd	Malaysia	2.99
Inari Amertron Bhd	Malaysia	2.92

Fund Risk Statistics			
Beta	-		
Information Ratio	-		
Sharpe Ratio	-		

(3 years monthly data)

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Any repeated issuer shown means same issuer with different coupon rate and/or maturity date. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.



Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and/or inclusion or exclusion of cash will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

Fund Manager's Report

The fund generated a return of 3.29% for the month of January, outperforming the benchmark by 66bps. On a YTD basis, the fund outperformed 66bps, with the YTD return of 3.29%.

Sentiment was lifted by Fed's communication on interest rates given the recent cooling inflation and economic data out of the US. The weaker Dollar and lower treasury yield that ensued favored EM.

Malaysia's PMI was unchanged at 47.9 pts in December. According to S&P Global, Malaysian manufacturers continue to endure weak demand conditions, albeit the moderation of new orders was the softest since August. Also, firms hired for the first time in eight months while input prices eased. Manufacturers remain optimistic of demand conditions over the course of the next 12 months. The latest PMI suggests that GDP growth is running at similar level to that seen in 2Q and 3Q of 2.9% and 3.3% YoY respectively. To recap, BNM projects GDP to grow 4% in 2023 and 4%-5% in 2024.

BNM maintained OPR at 3.00% in November's MPC. We expect no rate hikes for 2024 given muted inflation and modest economic growth. Inflation eased further to 1.5% in November, significantly undershooting BNM's revised target of 2.5%-3.0% for 2023. Given the low base, there appears to be sufficient headroom to central bank's 2.1%-3.6% CPI forecast for 2024 with the impending cut back in subsidies.

We remain positive on the market. We remain constructive on sectors that stand to gain from the NETR, including Utilities, Construction, and Property. Additionally, we remain optimistic on selective Technology due to the ongoing structural growth trends in the sector. Key risks are the derailment of Malaysia's macroeconomic recovery and corporate earnings growth due to the larger-than-expected impact of rising inflation, slower global economic growth, and heightened geopolitical risks.

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 February 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 11.7 and is classified as "High" (source: FIMM). The VF means there is a possibility for the fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by FIMM based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC. We recommend that you read and understand the contents of the Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds) dated 31 December 2019, which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds) for your records. Any issue of units to which the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds) relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds), subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to . You can obtain a copy of the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds), subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to . You can obtain a copy of the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds), subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to . You can obtain a copy of the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds) from the head office of Principal Asset Management Berhad or from any of our approved distributors. Product Highlight Sheet ("PHS") is available and that investors have the right to request for a PHS; and the PHS and any other product disclosure document should be read and understand the contents of the Financing for Investment in Unit Trust Risk

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