

## Principal Islamic Enhanced Opportunities Fund - Class

31 March 2025 Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme

# 3-year Fund Volatility 13.15 High Leper Analysics 15 Mar 2025

#### **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 Shariah-compliant 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** 



### Consistent Return



#### **Morningstar Rating**



#### Sustainability

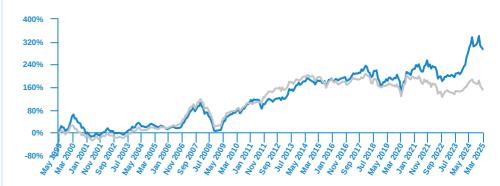




#### Fund Information

| Fund Information                                   |  |
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| 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<br>Index  |
| Application<br>Fee                                 | IUTAs: 5.00% of the NAV per unit<br>Principal Agency Distributor: 5.00% of<br>the NAV per unit |
| Management<br>Fee                                  | 1.50% p.a of the NAV   |
| Trustee Fee  | 0.045% p.a. of the NAV   |
| Fund Size<br>(MYR)                                 | MYR 285.23 million   |
| Fund Unit  | 344.78 million units   |
| NAV per unit<br>(As at 31 Mar 2025)                | MYR 0.8272   |
| Initial Offering Period<br>Initial Offering Period | ` '  |

#### **Fund Performance**



— Fund — Benchmark

ast performance 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<br>Inception |
| Fund                       | -10.65 | -1.59 | -10.65 | -3.11 | 7.49  | 18.99 | 62.13 | 293.89             |
| Benchmark                  | -11.64 | -2.52 | -11.64 | -9.15 | -4.46 | -6.86 | 10.09 | 182.45             |

| Calendar Year Returns (%) | 2024  | 2023 | 2022   | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  |
|---------------------------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Fund                      | 36.69 | 8.94 | -13.10 | 5.15  | 6.44  | 14.26 |
| Benchmark                 | 14.58 | 0.46 | -10.80 | -6.81 | 10.14 | 3.86  |

| Most Recent Fund Distributions | 2025 Jan | 2023 Jan | 2022 Jan | 2021 Jan | 2020 Jan | 2019 Jan |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Gross (sen/unit)               | 0.89     | 0.32     | 2.20     | 2.18     | 0.50     | 2.40     |
| Annualised Yield (%)           | 1.04     | 0.50     | 3.17     | 2.96     | 0.72     | 3.80     |

Note: June 1995 to March 2025

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.

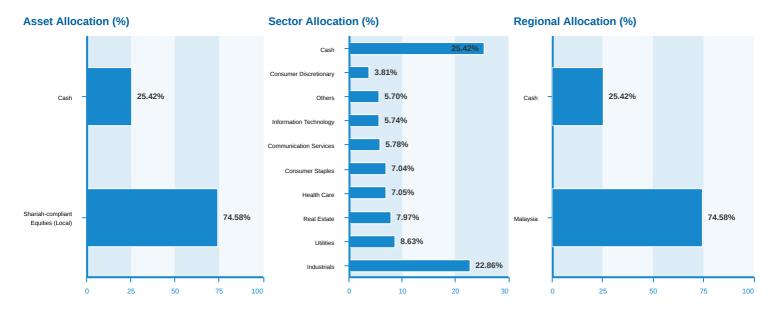
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV. Source: Lipper

| Top Holdings                       | Country  | % of Net<br>Assets |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Tenaga Nasional Bhd                | Malaysia | 8.63               |
| Gamuda Bhd                         | Malaysia | 4.56               |
| Sunway Bhd                         | Malaysia | 3.85               |
| Kelington Group Bhd                | Malaysia | 3.52               |
| ITMAX System Bhd                   | Malaysia | 2.96               |
| Telekom Malaysia Bhd               | Malaysia | 2.89               |
| QL Resources Bhd                   | Malaysia | 2.85               |
| Farm Fresh Bhd                     | Malaysia | 2.67               |
| Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd | Malaysia | 2.57               |
| SD Guthrie Bhd                     | Malaysia | 2.50               |

| Fund Risk Statistics |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Beta                 | 1.03 |
| Information Ratio    | 0.37 |
| Sharpe Ratio         | 0.05 |

(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**

In March 2025, the Fund came in at -1.59%, outperforming the Benchmark by 93 basis points (bps) while on a YTD basis, the fund outperformed the benchmark by 99 bps, with the YTD return of -10.65%. This was driven by the overweight positioning in industrials, healthcare and consumer staples.

Malaysia's manufacturing sector moderated in March after a notable improvement in February, with a PMI reading of 48.8pts vs 49.7pts. To recap, Malaysia's GDP grew by 5% in 4Q24 and 5.1% for 2024. BNM maintained its GDP growth forecast of 4.5-5.5% in 2025 during the recent briefing but highlighted potential risk to growth due to the trade restrictions.

BNM maintained OPR at 3.00% during the last MPC meeting and we expect the central bank to hold rates steady given muted inflation and modest economic growth. Inflation rose 1.5% in February, lower than the 1.7% in the previous month. There appears to be sufficient headroom to central bank's latest 2.0-3.5% CPI forecast for 2025 with the impending subsidy rationalization plans.

Elevated volatility likely persist due to uncertainties on the Trump administration and policies. There was a widespread decline across various markets and Malaysia was not spared. We remain constructive on defensive sectors and quality names as we selectively deploying cash that were raised earlier. We believe improved political stability, stronger earnings growth prospects and higher domestic investments would keep the market afloat. Key catalysts are domestic fiscal reforms, surge in investments and elevated domestic liquidity. 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 risk.

'Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 13.15 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), 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 understood before making any investment decision. There are fees and charges involved in investing in the funds. We suggest that you consider these fees and charges carefully prior to making an investment. Unit prices and income distr

Carefully consider a fund's objective, risks, charges and expenses.

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