

Principal Islamic Malaysia Opportunities Fund

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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve consistent capital growth over the medium to long-term.

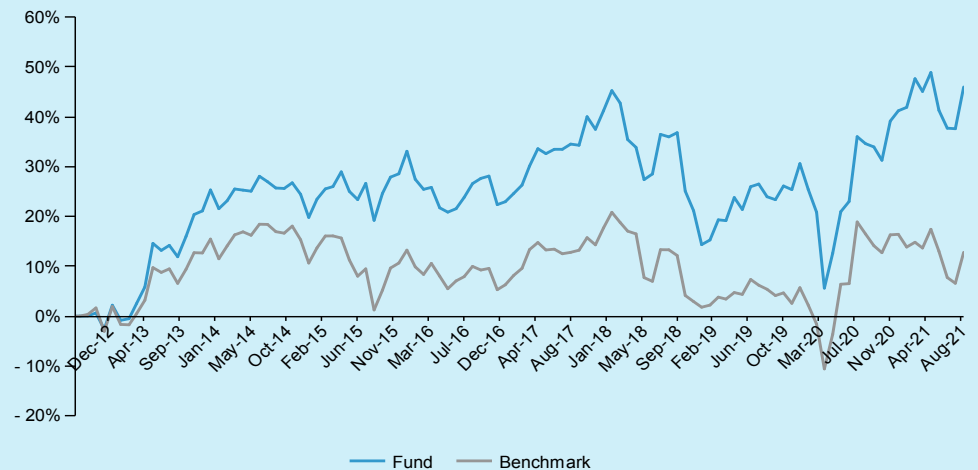
Currency: MYR ISIN Code: MYU1000DS003

Bloomberg Ticker: CIMIAAE MK

Fund Information

Location	Malaysia
Domicile	Malaysia
Fund Currency	Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Size	MYR 122.22 million
Fund Unit	434.95 million units
Fund Launch	1 August 2012
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Application Fee	IUTAs: 5.50% of NAV per unit Principal Agency Distributor: 6.50% of NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.50% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.05% p.a. of the NAV
Unit NAV (MYR)	MYR 0.2810

Fund Performance



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

Cumulative Performance (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund	3.38	6.08	3.31	-1.14	8.45	7.35	15.30	45.99
Benchmark	-3.11	5.82	-0.18	-1.76	-3.16	-0.44	2.57	12.81

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	8.12	14.22	-19.03	14.84	-7.60	11.08
Benchmark	10.14	3.85	-13.52	10.72	-6.14	2.35

Most Recent Fund Distributions

	2021 Apr	2020 Apr	2018 Apr
Gross (Sen/Unit)	0.88	0.49	2.30
Annualised Yield (%)	2.99	2.20	7.33

Note: August 2012 to August 2021.

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 10 Holdings

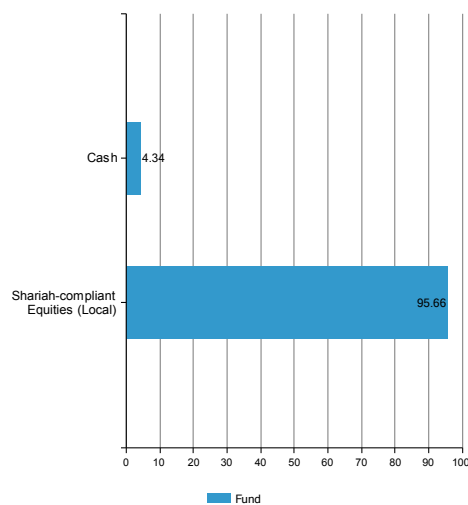
	Country	% of net assets
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	Malaysia	6.15
Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd	Malaysia	6.13
Axiata Group Bhd	Malaysia	5.33
Inari Amertron Bhd	Malaysia	5.14
V.S. Industry	Malaysia	4.81
GENETEC TECHNOLOGY BERHAD	Malaysia	4.47
MISC Bhd	Malaysia	3.53
Hartalega Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	3.17
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd	Malaysia	3.05
Dialog Group Bhd	Malaysia	2.96

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

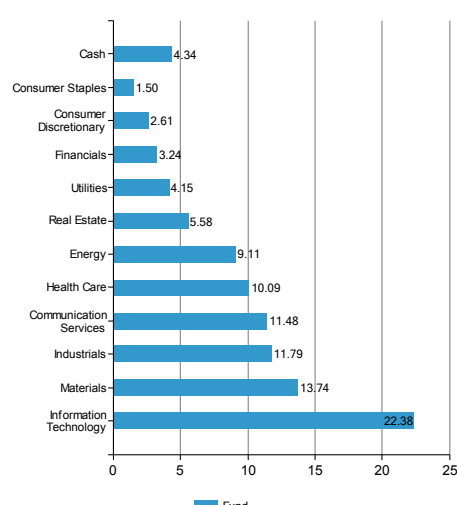
Fund Risk Statistics

Beta	1.00
Information Ratio	0.43
Sharpe Ratio	0.14
3 years monthly data	

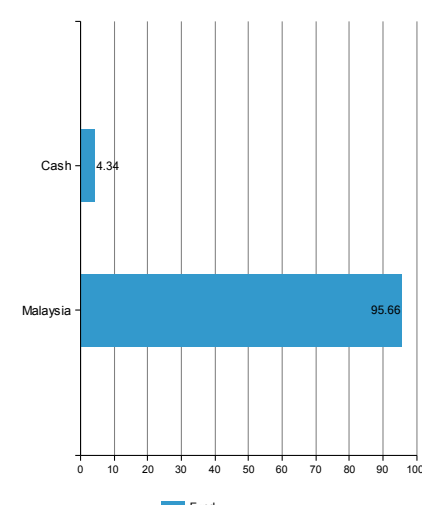
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



Source: Factset. 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 gained by +6.08% in August 2021, outperforming the benchmark by 26bps. Overweight positions on Technology and Materials contributed positively to the fund performance. On the YTD, the fund outperformed the Benchmark by 649bps.

Malaysia's manufacturing PMI rose further to 43.4pts in August from 40.1pts in July - the manufacturing sector remained weak, albeit improving. Businesses reported sustained reductions in both production levels and new orders as the latest rise in COVID-19 cases hampered output and sales, however, easing lockdown measures helped take some of the pressure off. On a positive note, expectations for the coming year has improved during the month as more companies grew optimistic that the worst of the pandemic has passed. We expect Bank Negara to maintain the OPR at 1.75% in the upcoming MPC meeting on 9 September. The continuation of an accommodative monetary policy is deemed appropriate. The central bank has officially revised its GDP growth forecast for 2021 to 3.0-4.0% (previously at 6.0-7.5%) on 13 August 2021. The estimate is based on the anticipated reopening of all economic and social sectors in 4Q21 due to the advanced vaccination progress. At the time of writing, 46% of Malaysians are fully vaccinated (versus 22% end-July), with 61% of the population already having received 1 dose.

We turn positive on Malaysia as movement controls ease, paving way for a full reopening of the economy, and domestic political issues abating. We continue to be selective on stocks from a bottom-up basis that plays into the reopening theme and thus remain constructive on sectors such as cyclical themes namely Consumer Discretionary, Basic Materials and select Transport. Technology has done well since we repositioned during the recent sharp pullback but interest could wane from hereon with as market broaden out, hence, we are very selective on Technology. We continue to underweight Glove and Plantation given their earnings prospects and ESG issues.

*Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 August 2021, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 15.400 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 credit and default risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and stock specific risk. 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 distributions, if any, may fall or rise. Past performance is not reflective of future performance and income distributions are not guaranteed. You are also advised to read and understand the contents of the Financing for Investment in Unit Trust Risk Disclosure Statement before deciding to obtain financing to purchase units. Where a unit split/distribution is declared, you are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced from pre-unit split NAV/cum-distribution NAV to post-unit split NAV/ex-distribution NAV; and where a unit split is declared, the value of your investment in Malaysian ringgit will remain unchanged after the distribution of the additional units.

*Note: The Fund does not invest in interest bearing instruments; the interest rate referred herein is to the general interest rate of the country, which may affect the value of the investments of the Fund.

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

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