

Principal Islamic Malaysia Opportunities Fund

30 September 2024

Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme



Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve consistent capital growth over the medium to long-term. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing a minimum of 70% and up to 98% of its NAV in Shariah-compliant Malaysian equities. The Fund may also invest up to 30% of its NAV in other Shariah-compliant investments, such as Sukuk, and Islamic liquid assets, with at least 2% of the Fund's NAV maintained in the form of Islamic liquid assets such as Islamic money market instruments and/or Islamic Deposits for liquidity purpose.

Lipper Score

Total Return

Consistent Return

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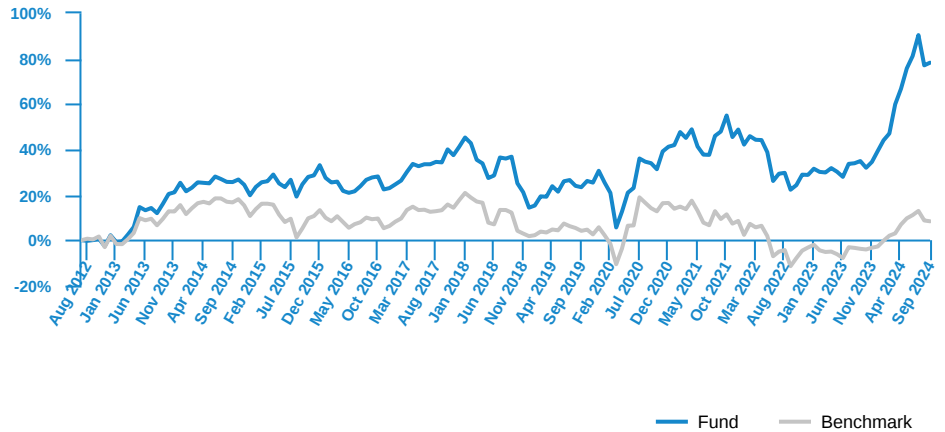
Morningstar Rating



Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1000DS003
Lipper ID	68164220
Bloomberg Ticker	CIMIAAE MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	1 Aug 2012
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index
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	0.045% p.a. of the NAV
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 239.2 million
Fund Unit	718.43 million units
NAV per unit (As at 30 Sep 2024)	MYR 0.3329
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Date	22 Aug 2012
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price	MYR 0.25

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	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Fund	27.94	0.67	-1.60	11.49	32.16	20.52	44.50	78.26
Benchmark	11.43	-0.34	-2.45	5.17	12.60	-0.92	4.05	8.34

Calendar Year Returns (%)							
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Fund	8.19	-13.45	5.36	8.12	14.22	-19.03	
Benchmark	0.46	-10.80	-6.81	10.14	3.86	-13.52	

Most Recent Fund Distributions						
	2022 Apr	2021 Apr	2020 Apr	2018 Apr	2016 Apr	2014 Apr
Gross (sen/unit)	0.84	0.88	0.49	2.30	2.20	1.60
Annualised Yield (%)	3.12	2.99	2.20	7.33	7.39	5.12

Note: August 2012 to September 2024.

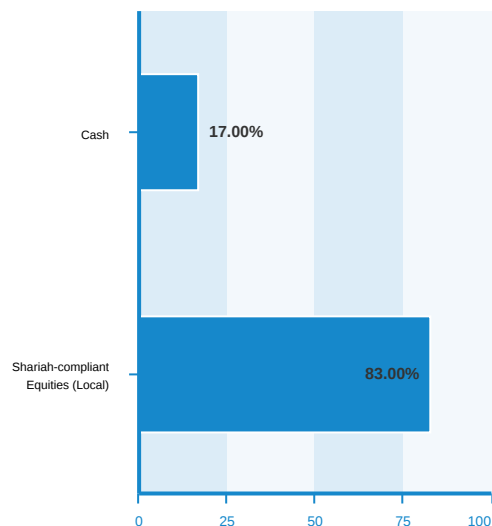
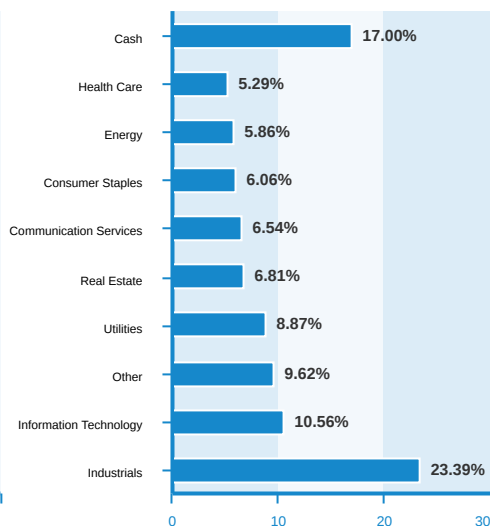
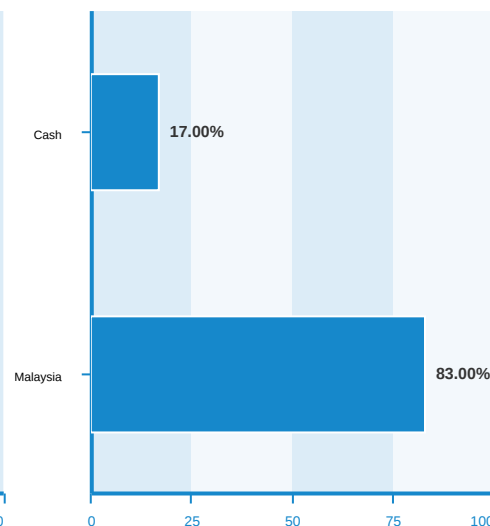
Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

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			Fund Risk Statistics	
	Country	% of Net Assets		
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	Malaysia	8.87	Beta	1.03
Gamuda Bhd	Malaysia	5.14	Information Ratio	0.28
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	Malaysia	3.37	Sharpe Ratio	0.07
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd	Malaysia	3.34	(3 years monthly data)	
Nationgate Holdings Bhd	Malaysia	2.89		
ITMAX System Bhd	Malaysia	2.87		
Mr D.I.Y. Group (M) Bhd	Malaysia	2.66		
QL Resources Bhd	Malaysia	2.64		
Kelington Group Bhd	Malaysia	2.43		
SD Guthrie Bhd	Malaysia	2.40		

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.

Asset Allocation (%)**Sector Allocation (%)****Regional Allocation (%)**

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 September 2024, the Fund increased 0.67%, outperforming the Benchmark by 101 basis points (bps) mainly due to its overweight in Industrials, Consumer and Real Estate while on a YTD basis, the fund outperformed 1651 bps, with the YTD return of 27.94%.

Malaysia's manufacturing sector moderated in September with a PMI reading of 49.5 pts vs 49.7 pts in the previous month. S&P Global noted flat new order growth which contributed to lower production, while purchasing activity and inventories were scaled back further. Encouragingly, employment showed an uptick while inflationary pressures also eased, potentially due to the stronger Ringgit. Optimism of a recovery in new orders over the coming 12 months rose to a YTD high. The latest PMI data suggests 3Q24 GDP growth momentum could sustain at a similar pace as the preceding quarter, which was at 5.9%. To recap, BNM projects GDP to grow 4-5% in 2024.

We expect BNM to maintain OPR at 3.00% for the rest of the year given muted inflation and modest economic growth. Inflation eased slightly to 1.9% in August vs 2% in July. There appears to be sufficient headroom to central bank's latest 2.0-3.5% CPI forecast for 2024 with the impending subsidy rationalization plans.

We believe improved political stability, stronger earnings growth prospects and higher domestic investments would drive the market further. On current volatility, we believe its an opportunity for us to add back on quality stocks. Our key preferred sectors remain on NETR plays, including Utilities, Construction, and Property. Additionally, we see opportunities in selected O&G names as we see value and we believe the sector will be supported by strong Petronas activity in the coming years. 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 September 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 13.28 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 28 April 2023, 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, 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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