

# **Principal Islamic Money Market Fund - Class AR**

31 March 2025

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## **Fund Objective**

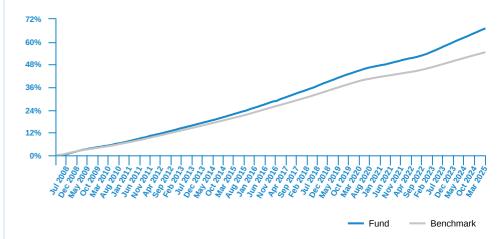
The Fund aims to provide investors with liquidity and regular income, whilst maintaining capital stability by investing primarily in money market instruments that conform with Shariah principles. The Fund will place at least 90% of its NAV in Islamic money market instruments such as Islamic Accepted Bills, Islamic Negotiable Instruments of Deposits and Islamic Repurchase Agreements (Repo-i) as well as in any other Islamic fixed income instruments and placements of Islamic Deposits, all of which are highly liquid and have a remaining maturity period of less than 397 days or less.

#### **Fund Information**

ISIN Code	MYU0100A0856
Lipper ID	68667103
Bloomberg Ticker	PRIMMAM MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	17 Mar 2008
Benchmark	CIMB Islamic 1-Month Fixed Return Income Account-i (FRIA-i)
Application Fee	Nil
Management Fee	Up to 0.40% per annum
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.015% per annum
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 314.12 million
Fund Unit	289.78 million units
NAV per unit (As at 28 Mar 2025)	MYR 1.0837
Initial Offering Period	d (IOP) Date 7 Apr 2008

Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price

# **Fund Performance**



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

Cumulative Performance (%)								
	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Fund	0.85	0.27	0.85	1.73	3.52	10.40	15.32	67.05
Benchmark	0.57	0.20	0.57	1.16	2.40	7.25	10.86	54.46

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	3.59	3.80	2.32	2.13	2.51	3.46
Benchmark	2.47	2.58	1.83	1.52	2.14	3.09

Most Recent Fund Distributions	2025 Mar	2025 Feb	2025 Jan	2024 Dec	2024 Nov	2024 Oct
Gross (sen/unit)	0.29	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.34
Annualised Yield (%)	3.18	3.56	3.62	3.54	3.37	3.78

Note: March 2008 to March 2025

MYR 1.00

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 t bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

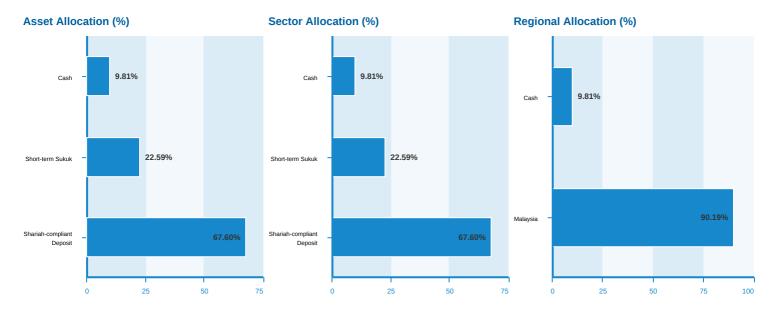
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV. Source: Lipper

Top Holdings	Country	% of Net Assets
RHB ISLAMIC BANK BHD	Malaysia	5.77
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Sabah Credit Corporation	Malaysia	2.85
MMC Corporation Bhd	Malaysia	1.75
OCK Group Bhd	Malaysia	1.54
East Klang Valley Expressway	Malaysia	1.46
RHB ISLAMIC BANK BHD	Malaysia	1.11
AEON Credit Service M Bhd	Malaysia	1.10
UEM Edgenta Bhd	Malaysia	1.08
TNB Western Energy Bhd	Malaysia	0.97

Fund Risk Statistics	
Beta	-0.14
Information Ratio	2.25
Sharpe Ratio	-0.22

(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's performance for the month of March 2025 came in at 0.27%, outperforming the benchmark by 7bps. For the 12-months period ending 31 March 2025, the Fund delivered 3.52%, outperforming the benchmark by 112bps.

The 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year benchmarks closed at 3.45% (-5bps), 3.60% (-3bps), 3.71% (-3bps), 3.80% (-2bps), 3.80% (-5bps), 4.01% (-6bps) and 4.18% (-2bps), respectively in March. In the month of February, Local government bonds market rallied in March, following a steepening trend in the US Treasuries as the market began pricing in the potential impacts from the retaliatory tariffs which could result in slower global growth. The MGS yield curve steepened mildly with the 3y moving lower by -5 bps, while the 10y and 30y adjusted lower by only -2bps.

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.00% during its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in March, whilst remaining constructive on global and domestic growth outlook. The statement also highlighted external and global policy uncertainties, particularly the US trade and tariff policies under the Trump 2.0 administration.

BNM also released its 2024 Annual Report on 24th March and affirmed its growth forecast for 2025 at 4.5 - 5.5% despite acknowledging considerable external uncertainties. While the central bank trimmed its growth outlook for net external demand, they revised the growth outlook for public consumption and investment activities upwards. Meanwhile, they maintained the headline inflation and core inflation forecasts at +2.0 - 3.5%, and +1.5 - 2.5%, for 2025 respectively.

Despite the 13.3% increase in minimum wages w.e.f 1st February, Malaysia's headline inflation rate eased to +1.5% YoY in February (Jan-25: +1.7%), while core inflation edged up to +1.9% YoY (Jan-25: +1.8%).

Malaysia's manufacturing sector conditions remained contraction for the 10th consecutive month in March with the seasonally adjusted manufacturing PMI registering 48.9 (Feb-25: 49.7), as new orders eased the most in a year and production fell. Meanwhile, Malaysia's unemployment rate remained at 3.1% in January (Dec-24: 3.1%).

BNM expects inflation to remain manageable in 2025, amid easing global cost conditions and the absence of excessive domestic demand pressures. The overall impact of the domestic policy reforms on inflation is expected to be contained, while upside risks would depend on the extent of spillover of domestic policy measures, as well as global commodity prices, financial and trade policies.

'Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 0.21 and is classified as "Very Low" (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 Principal Islamic Money Market Fund Prospectus Issue No. M2 dated 14 April 2023, which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Prospectus for your records. Any issue of units to which the Prospectus relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Prospectus, subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to country risk, credit and default risk, currency risk, interest rate risk\*. You can obtain a copy of the Prospectus 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

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