

Principal Lifetime Balanced Fund

31 March 2025
Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme



Fund Objective

The Fund aims to grow the value of investments over the long-term through investment in a diversified mix of Malaysian assets. The Fund aims to invest in a diversified portfolio of equities and fixed income investments. In line with its objective, the investment policy and strategy will be to maintain a balanced portfolio between equities and fixed income investments in the ratio of 70:30. The fixed income portion of the Fund is to provide some capital stability to the Fund whilst the equity portion will provide the added return in a rising market.

Lipper Score

Total Return

Consistent Return

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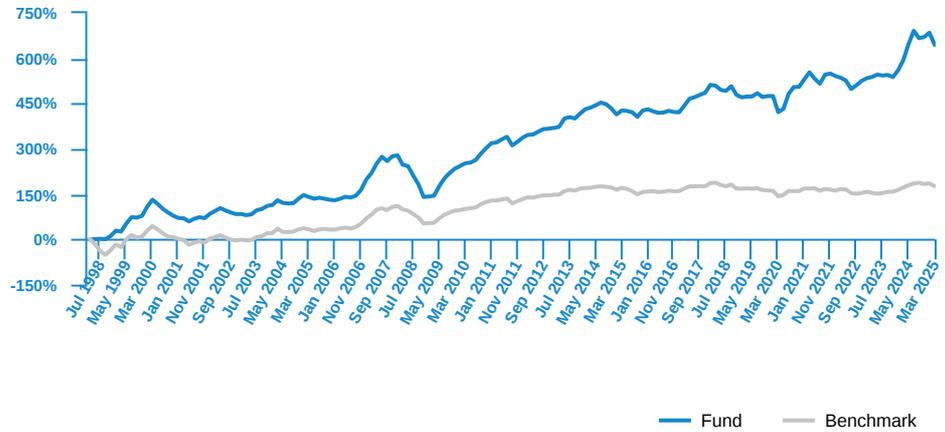
Morningstar Rating



Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1000AP005
Lipper ID	60001426
Bloomberg Ticker	COMBALI MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	12 Mar 1998
Benchmark	70% FBM 100 + 30% CIMB Bank 1-Month Fixed Deposit Rate
Application Fee	5.00% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.85% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.045% p.a. of the NAV
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 54.56 million
Fund Unit	136.58 million units
NAV per unit (As at 31 Mar 2025)	MYR 0.3994
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Date	2 Apr 1998
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price	MYR 0.50

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	-8.59	-2.37	-8.59	-4.08	3.99	16.70	49.22	636.15
Benchmark	-6.17	-2.18	-6.17	-4.73	0.13	2.52	16.83	173.18

Calendar Year Returns (%)						
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	22.86	4.67	-3.71	4.73	6.90	1.88
Benchmark	11.72	1.27	-3.02	-2.44	2.93	-1.06

Most Recent Fund Distributions						
	2025 Jan	2024 Jul	2024 Jan	2023 Jul	2023 Jan	2022 Jul
Gross (sen/unit)	0.75	0.87	0.40	0.84	0.75	0.53
Annualised Yield (%)	3.61	3.90	2.13	4.58	4.01	2.95

Most Recent Unit Splits					
					2003 Dec
Ratio					1:1

Note: March 1998 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.

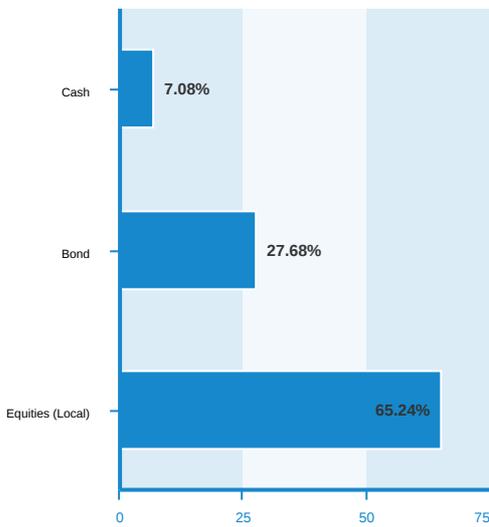
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV.

Source : Lipper

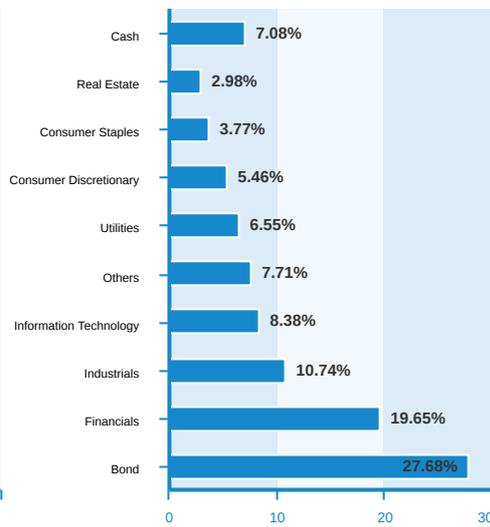
Top Holdings	Country	% of Net Assets	Fund Risk Statistics
Malayan Banking Bhd	Malaysia	5.69	Beta 0.95
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	Malaysia	5.19	Information Ratio 0.21
Evyap Sabun Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	4.42	Sharpe Ratio 0.06
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	Malaysia	4.26	(3 years monthly data)
Public Bank Bhd	Malaysia	3.47	
Gamuda Bhd	Malaysia	3.40	
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	Malaysia	3.17	
AMMB Holdings Bhd	Malaysia	3.06	
Starbright Capital Bhd	Malaysia	2.74	
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd	Malaysia	2.58	

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.

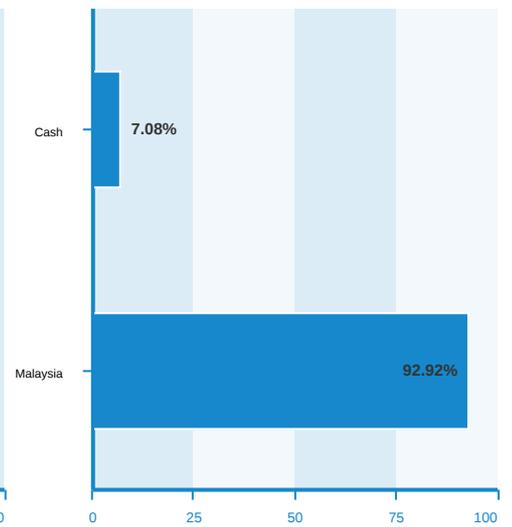
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



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Fund Manager's Report

In the month of March, the Fund fell 2.37%, underperforming the Benchmark by 19bps. The underperformance was due to overweight positions in AI-centric names in the Construction and Technology sectors as risk aversion surrounding impending Trump tariffs continued to prevail.

Malaysia's manufacturing sector moderated in March after a notable improvement in February, with a PMI reading of 48.8pts vs 49.7pts. S&P Global stated that firms remained under pressure at the end of the 1Q, with broad-based weakness seen. New export orders, output, employment and inventory levels eased, with some evidence suggesting that global trade uncertainty had affected international demand. Business confidence, after hitting the highest since October 2024 in February, also waned. That said, the latest PMI data still suggests modest growth in GDP for 1Q25, sustaining the trend seen in 2H24. 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.

For fixed income, corporate bond trading volume in March 2025 increased by 6.66% MoM to RM17.57 billion from RM16.46 billion in February 2025. During the month, credit spread movements were mixed. GG spreads widened on the short-end, but tightened in the medium term and remained flat for the longer term. Meanwhile, short-to-medium term AAA tightened by 1 – 4bps, while widening slightly on the longer term. The month of March saw a surge in primary issuances with RM14.60 billion of corporate bond issuances tapping the market, an increase of 116.0% from RM6.76 billion in February 2025. Total corporate bond issuance for the first three months of the year stood at RM24.66 billion which was 22.7% higher than the previous corresponding period of RM20.09 billion. We continue to target switching out of credit with tighter spreads when possible and to replace with new credit issuances which we find attractive in terms of valuation and with strong fundamentals.

[^]Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 8.46 and is classified as "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 Master Prospectus dated 10 July 2023, which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Master Prospectus for your records. Any issue of units to which the Master Prospectus relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Master Prospectus, subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to credit and default risk, interest rate risk, stock specific risk. You can obtain a copy of the Master 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 of the Financing for Investment in Unit Trust Risk Disclosure Statement/Unit Trust Loan Financing Risk Disclosure Statement before deciding to borrow 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.

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

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