

# Principal Lifetime Balanced Fund

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Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme.



## Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to grow the value of investments over the long-term through investment in a diversified mix of Malaysian assets.

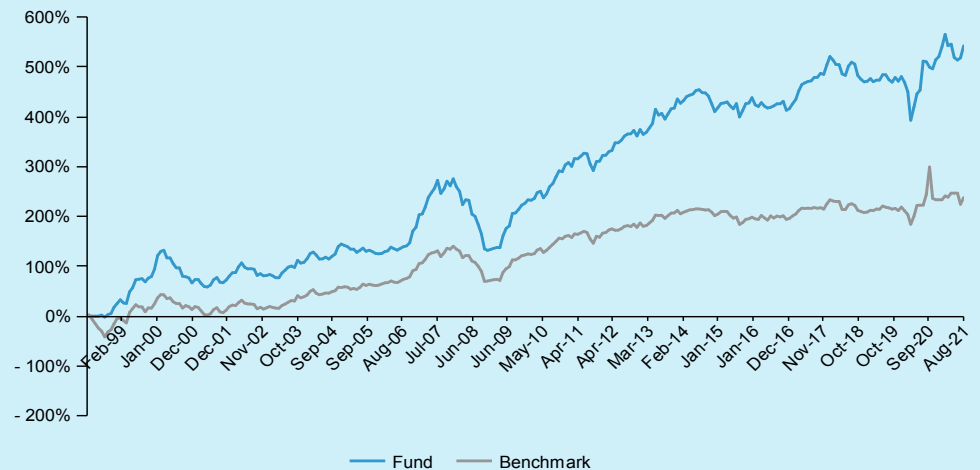
Currency: MYR ISIN Code: MYU1000AP005

Bloomberg Ticker: COMBALI MK

## Fund Information

Location	Malaysia
Domicile	Malaysia
Fund Currency	Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 54.31 million
Fund Unit	137.49 million units
Fund Launch	12 March 1998
Benchmark	70% FBM100 + 30% CIMB Bank 1-Month Fixed Deposit Rate
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Application Fee	5.00% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.85% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.08% p.a. of the NAV
Unit NAV (MYR)	MYR 0.3950

## 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	3.50	3.92	3.78	-3.42	5.23	5.40	22.11	542.71
Benchmark	-0.72	4.37	1.00	0.44	3.31	-4.63	2.92	237.94

## Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	6.90	1.88	-5.60	16.95	-4.08	5.45
Benchmark	2.98	-1.16	-5.60	9.77	-0.79	-1.08

## Most Recent Fund Distributions

	2021 Jan	2020 Jan	2019 Jan	2018 Jan	2017 Jan	2016 Jan
Gross (Sen/Unit)	1.27	2.00	1.73	2.65	2.45	2.55
Annualised Yield (%)	3.13	5.13	4.34	5.92	6.01	5.66

Note: March 1998 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

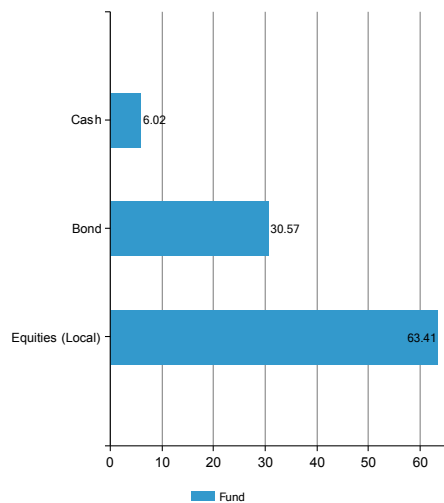
	Country	% of net assets
Mah Sing Group Bhd	Malaysia	8.42
Malayan Banking Bhd	Malaysia	4.77
Lafarge Cement Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	4.71
CIMB Group Hldgs Bhd	Malaysia	4.52
RHB Bank Bhd	Malaysia	4.19
Pentamaster Corp Bhd	Malaysia	3.41
KELINGTON GROUP BHD	Malaysia	3.21
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	Malaysia	3.18
V.S. Industry	Malaysia	3.03
Starbright Capital Berhad	Malaysia	2.83

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.

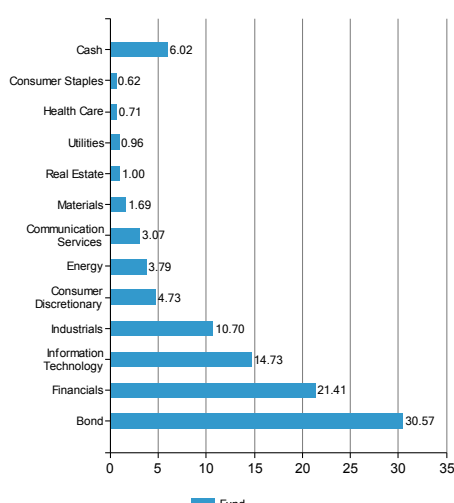
## Fund Risk Statistics

Beta	1.11
Information Ratio	0.58
Sharpe Ratio	0.09
3 years monthly data	

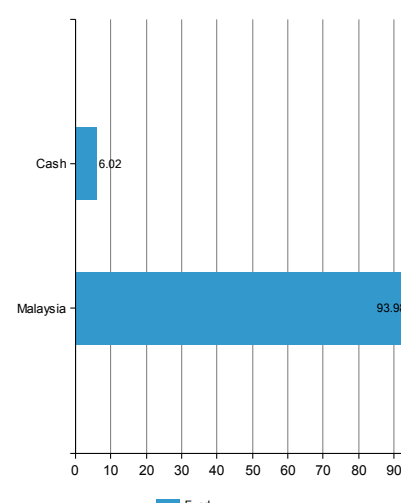
## Asset Allocation (%)



## 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

In August, the fund came in at +3.50% in MYR terms, outperforming the benchmark by 422 bps on a YTD basis but underperformed the benchmark by -0.45% for the month of August as Tech and Financials did well but were drag by fixed income as well as the industrial sector.

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 have 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 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. We continue to underweight Glove and Plantation given their earnings prospects and ESG issues.

For fixed income strategy, we do not expect any change to the interest rates at the upcoming MPC meeting on 9 September. We believe interest rates will continue to remain accommodative in the near to medium term. We are seeing improvement in local bond market sentiment following the appointment of our new PM and the unveiling of the new cabinet. Additionally, ample domestic liquidity is seen following the maturities seen for the period and as such, believe the local bond market will remain supported. We continue to see demand in the corporate bond space remaining healthy as investors continued to seek yields. We continue to remain selective in our credit selection with a preference on issuers with stronger and more resilient credit metrics that can withstand this economic condition.

\*Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 August 2021, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 11.610 and is classified as "Moderate" (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 25 June 2021, 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 and 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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