

HLMT MAA'ROF FUND (HLMTDM2)

Oct 2023

Fund Features

1. Investment Objective

HLMT Maa'rof Fund – HLMTDM2 (“The Fund”) aims to provide a convenient access into a diversified investment portfolio containing a balanced mixture of equities and Sukuk that complies to the Shariah requirements.

2. Investment Strategy & Approach

At inception, this fund will invest by feeding into Hong Leong Dana Maa'rof (“Target Fund”), a shariah-compliant unit trust fund managed by Hong Leong Asset Management Berhad.

Generally, the Target Fund selects undervalued companies that have the potential to offer medium-to-long term (3 to 5 years) capital growth.

3. Asset Allocation

The Fund will be investing a minimum of 90% of the Fund's net asset value (“NAV”) in the Target Fund and a maximum of 10% of the Fund's NAV in money market instruments and/or deposits.

The indicative asset allocation for the Target Fund is to invest a minimum 40% and maximum 60% of its NAV into Shariah-compliant equities. The Target Fund may also invest between 40% to 60% of its NAV into Islamic Money Market Instruments and Sukuk.

4. Target Market

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- Have conservative to moderate risk-reward temperament.
- Have preference in receiving regular income and returns from capital growth.
- Have medium-to-long term investment horizon.

Fund Details

Unit Price (31/10/2023)	RM 0.9504
Fund Size (31/10/2023)	RM 1.6mil
Fund Management Fee	1.50% p.a
Fund Manager	Hong Leong MSIG Takaful Berhad
Fund Category	Islamic Balanced/Growth & Income
Fund Inception	13/04/2021
Benchmark	FBM Emas Shariah Index + KLIBOR 3-months (60:40)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	Daily

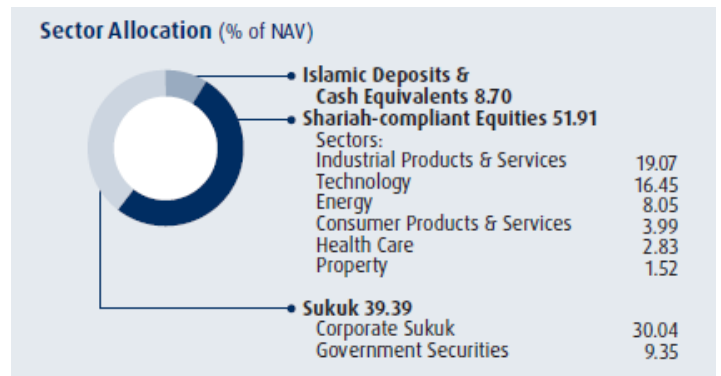
*The company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Certificate Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice.

*Investment-linked unit price will be updated and published daily in our corporate website. Please refer to our website www.hlmtakaful.com.my/Quick-Links/Fund-Prices.aspx

Asset Allocation of HLMTDM2 as at 31 Oct 2023

Hong Leong Dana Maa'rof	98.9%
Cash	1.1%
Total	100.0%

Sector Allocation of Target Fund as at 31 Oct 2023



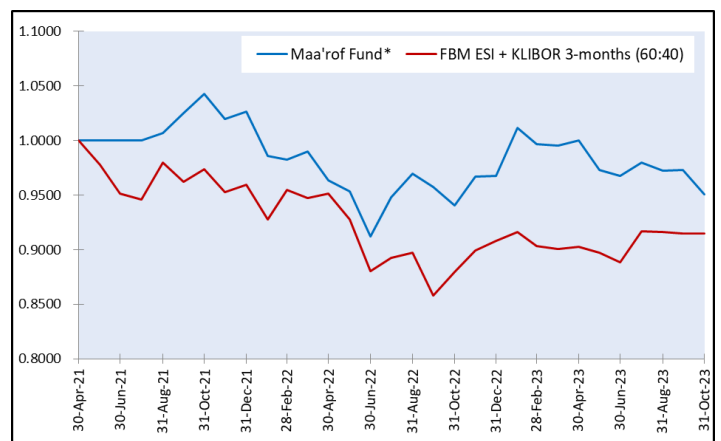
Top 5 Shariah-compliant Holdings of Target Fund as at 31 Oct 2023

1	Frontken Corporation Berhad	2.52%
2	P.I.E. Industrial Berhad	2.37%
3	Dufu Technology Corporation Berhad	2.37%
4	Pentamaster Corporation Berhad	2.21%
5	UWC Berhad	2.13%

Top 5 Sukuk Holdings of Target Fund as at 31 Oct 2023

1	CIMB Bank Berhad – 2032	4.61%
2	Sepangar Bay Power Corporation Sdn Bhd	4.60%
3	Kimanis Power Sdn Bhd	4.56%
4	Government Investment Issue – 2026	4.43%
5	CIMB Bank Berhad – 2031	4.41%

Historical Performance



Maa'rof	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Maa'rof	-2.30%	-1.79%	1.07%	-	-	-4.96%
Benchmark*	-0.06%	0.70%	3.99%	-	-	-8.53%
Relative	-2.24%	-2.49%	-2.92%	-	-	3.57%

*FBM ESI + KLIBOR 3-months (60:40) (Source: Lipper for Investment Management)

Market Review, Outlook & Strategy by the Target Fund

Equities Market

During the month of October, the FTSE BM KLCI rebounded by 1.3% to close at 1,442 points. This improved the YTD decline for 10M23 to 3.6%. The broader market outperformed as the FTSE BM EMAS Shariah Index was down by 0.27% to close at 10,842 points. Small cap underperformed as well with a decline of 1.97% as FTSE BM Small Cap Index close at 15,863. The three best-performing sectorial indices in October 23 on a mom basis were Finance (+2.1%), Construction (+0.9%) and Industrial Production (+0.5%), while the three worst-performing sectors were Property (-3.2%), Energy (-2.8%), and Technology (-2.7%).

Foreign investors turned net sellers in October 23 after net buying for 3 consecutive months. Foreign net sell flows were sizeable at RM2.2 bn in October 23 as compared to net buy flows of RM0.7bn in September 23. Local institutional investors, on the other hand, turned net buyers for the month, with a net buy flow of RM2.3 bn compared to a net sell flow of RM0.5bn in previous month. Local retail investors saw net sell flows widen by 20.9% mom to RM114.9 mil, compared to a net sell flow of RM95.1 mil in September 23.

On the corporate front, Eversendai forms JV company with Saudi Arabia-based Alghaz to execute steel projects in the kingdom. Petronas Chemicals to build Asia's largest advanced chemical recycling plant in Pengerang. Rapid Synergy Bhd is proposing to dispose of 1,338 sq metres of freehold land in Desa Sri Hartamas, Kuala Lumpur, to Segi Permai Sdn Bhd for RM32.39 mil. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, Rapid Synergy said the disposal of the land will consist of a five-storey commercial building comprising a total of 39 units of commercial lots with a basement car park, known as Wisma Rapid.

Locally, investors are looking forward to the result of MPC meeting in early November to gauge the inflation expectation going forward. We are also on the lookout for key economic statistics that will come out in November i.e. 3Q GDP and inflation numbers. Most corporates will announce their quarterly results in November as well, and we expect a slightly better results overall for Malaysia corporates on QoQ basis.

The Fund will continue to identify companies that are potential winners in growing industries helmed by capable management.

Sukuk Market

Sukuk/Bond markets repriced a rate pause at the Fed's upcoming November FOMC meeting with upcoming US 3Q23 GDP and September CPI slated to be released which could provide clues to the Fed's monetary policy trajectory. Economic releases indicated U.S. economy had ploughed ahead despite the Fed pushing borrowing costs to their highest level in 22 year with 3Q GDP surging by 4.9% YoY supported by private consumption while core inflation rose 0.3% MoM (4.1% YoY) reflecting price levels remained elevated above Fed's average target inflation rate of 2% YoY.

Regionally, Bank Indonesia surprised the market in October by raising 25 bps for its 7-days reverse repo rate to 6.00% to bolster the currency against US dollar strength and as pre-emptive measure to mitigate the impact of imported inflation to within .30%±1% target corridor in 2023 and 2.5%±1% in 2024. Central bank of Philippines also unexpectedly took an off-cycle action to

raise its target reverse repurchase rate ('policy rate') by 25 bps to 6.50% to mitigate supply-side price pressures and imbalances in inflationary risks toward the upside. Current focus will be on Bank of Japan monetary stance on yield curve control and its messaging on the relaxation of Japanese Government Bond ('JGB') intervention in tandem with domestic reflationary environment which may pose liquidity shocks to pension funds on mark-to-market losses realization from JGB holdings.

Locally, Malaysia tabled its 2023 budget deficit which is expected to come in line with official target of RM 93.2b/5.0% of GDP. For 2024, the government planned to reduce deficits further to RM 85.4b/4.3% of GDP. Malaysia's sovereign sukuk/bond yields inched higher led by the 5-year Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) and 7-year which settle at 3.863% and 4.066% respectively, while longer tenured MGS continued to see domestic support with 15-years MGS eased by around 2 bps to 4.228%. The 10-year Malaysian Government Islamic Securities (MGII) re-opening (MGII 8/33) replacing MGII 10/32 as the new 10-years benchmark saw strong auction demand garnering bid-to-cover ratio of 2.7x and an average yield of 4.085%. October also witnessed local banks took opportunities to seasonally refinance their maturing debts and raising year-end bank's capital and improving their liquidity profile. Notable banks re-tapped the market includes Hong Leong Bank and Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd, CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, AmBank Bhd and RHB Bank Bhd.

We opine US Treasuries ("UST") to rebound after major selloffs in 3Q23 on curve repricing risks. While prevailing bearish momentum poses upsides risk to UST yields from overshooting, we think it would present buying opportunity. Macro slowdown is expected to reduce labour demand, thereby recalibrating the labour market and ease wage pressures. Core inflation is expected to soften towards Fed's 2% target on global headwinds with ongoing trade deglobalisation, heightened geopolitical tensions and climate change.

Malaysia inflation eased further to 1.9% YoY in September, from 2.00% YoY in prior month, driven by fresh food prices, whose momentum trended lower during the month at 1.6% YoY, versus 2.00% YoY in August. Core inflation remained steady at 2.50% YoY, growing at similar with local factors remain supportive of sovereign bond issuances given slower GDP growth, moderate inflation, stable interest rate and a neutral supply profile. We maintain OPR be kept unchanged at 3% for the remaining of 2023.

With stable OPR, we will gradually recalibrate our fund strategy to increase duration incrementally towards the year end. Recent bear steepening of yield curve at the intermediate segment may see levels turning attractive especially if BNM is expected not to raise rates further in November. We continue to overweight corporate sukuks for additional yield pickup over comparable government and government guaranteed sukuks despite credit spreads had compressed across the ratings curve. Our preference is tilted towards papers with high coupon clips to minimize volatility should rates react adversely.

Target Fund Performance

The actual investment return for the Target Fund was as follows:

	Percentage Growth		Annualised Compounded Return	
	HLD2 (%)	Benchmark (%)	HLD2 (%)	Benchmark (%)
Year-to-date	-2.26	0.70	-	-
1 Month	-2.62	-0.06	-	-
3 Months	-3.25	-0.25	-	-
6 Months	-5.57	1.34	-	-
1 Year	1.01	3.99	1.01	3.99
3 Years	27.79	-5.87	8.52	-2.00
5 Years	56.78	1.71	9.41	0.34
10 Years	81.08	4.67	6.11	0.46

Source: Hong Leong Asset Management Berhad

	HLD2 (%)	Benchmark (%)	HLD2 Distribution Yield (%)
2022	-6.60	-5.37	5.20
2021	19.81	-3.26	5.49
2020	28.51	7.50	7.99
2019	17.82	3.78	7.75
2018	-11.10	-6.77	5.97
2017	13.06	7.80	7.57
2016	-1.20	-2.29	7.13
2015	9.10	3.04	10.64
2014	0.08	-1.08	6.37
2013	7.03	9.28	3.52

Source: Hong Leong Asset Management Berhad

Notice: Past performance is not an indication of its future performance.

- Actual returns of the Target Fund on a net basis (net of tax and charges) or since inception if shorter (warning statement: this is strictly the performance of the Target Fund, and not the returns earned on the actual contributions paid of the Investment-Linked product).
- The investment returns shall be calculated based on the unit price of the Target Fund and the formula shall be consistent with that of the benchmark indices.
- Any performance comparison of Target Fund must be with that of a similar fund, in terms of investment objectives and focus and based on similar time frame of at least 12 months.

Investment Risks

All investments carry risks. Investors must be prepared to accept a certain degree of risk when investing in this Fund. The following are some but not an exhaustive list of all the potential risks associated with investment in the Target Fund.

1. Market Risk

Due to price fluctuations of securities invested in by the Target Fund, the value of the investment may go up as well as down. The movement in securities prices is influenced by a number of factors, which include changes in economic, political and social environment.

2. Credit Risk

Applies to debt-type investments such as debentures and sukuk. The institution invested in may not be able to make the required profit payments or repayment of principal.

3. Profit Rate Risk

Applied to sukuk, security prices move in the opposite direction of profit rates. If profit rates rise and the security prices fall, this will lower the value of your investment and vice versa.

4. Liquidity Risk

Defined as the ease with which a security can be sold at or near its fair value. This risk occurs in thinly traded or illiquid securities. Should the Fund need to sell a relatively large amount of such securities, such action itself may significantly depress the selling price.

5. Concentration Risk

Concentration risk occurs when a portfolio is overweight on a particular security, sector or asset class. As the fund invests mainly into third party collective investment scheme (CIS) and by virtue of the CIS investing in a diversified portfolio of equities as well as dynamic asset allocation strategy between equities and other financial instruments, the concentration risk is mitigated.

6. Target Fund(s) Risk

The fund invests in third party CIS which is being managed by another fund manager. The CIS is carefully selected in order to ensure that the objectives of said CIS are appropriately aligned with the fund. Nevertheless, the Fund Manager does not have control over the management of the CIS and any adverse effect on the CIS will inevitably affect the fund. In such instance, the Fund Manager may replace the CIS with another CIS which the Fund Manager considers to be more appropriate or invest directly in a diversified portfolio in order to meet the objective of the fund. Please also refer to the Target Fund's prospectus for more detailed and comprehensive information on Target Fund specific risk.

7. Shariah Status Reclassification Risk

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities by the target funds may be reclassified to be Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the Shariah Advisory Council of Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC) or the Shariah Adviser for the Target Fund. If this occurs, the value of the Target Fund may adversely affect and the fund manager will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities in accordance with the advice from Shariah Adviser.

Basis of Unit Valuation

1. The assets of every fund are to be valued to determine the value at which units of a particular fund can be liquidated or purchased for investment purposes.
2. The unit price of a unit of a fund shall be determined by the company but in any event shall not be less than the value of fund of the relevant fund (as defined below), divided by the number of units of the given fund in issue on the business day before the valuation date, and the result adjusted to the nearest one hundredth of a cent.
3. The maximum value of any asset of any fund shall not exceed the following price:
 - a. The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
 - b. In the case of securities for which market values are not readily available, the price at which, in our Investment Manager's opinion, the asset may have been purchased on the business day before the valuation date; plus any expenses which would have been incurred in its acquisition.
4. To ensure fair treatment to all unit holders, the cost of acquiring and disposing of assets is recouped by making a transaction cost adjustment to the NAV per unit.

Exceptional Circumstances

The Takaful Operator reserves the right to defer the payment of benefits (other than death benefit) under this Certificate for a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date the payment would have been normally effected if not for intervening events such as temporary closure of any Stock Exchange in which the fund is invested which the Takaful Operator, in its discretion, may consider exceptional.

Basis of Calculation of Past Performance

The historical performance of the fund is calculated based on the price difference over the period in consideration compared to the older price of the period in consideration.

$$\frac{\text{Unit Price}_t - \text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}{\text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}$$

For the underlying target fund, past performance is calculated on NAV per unit to NAV per unit basis with gross income (if any) from target fund reinvested, since launch, in MYR terms.

Others

HLMT Maa'rof Fund is managed by Hong Leong MSIG Takaful Berhad. Any amount invested in this fund is invested by Hong Leong MSIG Takaful Berhad on behalf of Participant into the Target Fund which will invest in shariah compliant equity, sukuk and money market instrument/s. If the financial institutions and/or corporations issuing the funds defaults or insolvent, the Participant risks losing part or all of his/her amount that were invested into the instruments on his/her behalf by Hong Leong MSIG Takaful Berhad.

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You must evaluate your options carefully and satisfy yourself that the investment-linked fund chosen meets your risk appetite. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The intention of this document is to enable Participant to better understand the fund features.