

Investment Linked Fund Performance Report June 2019

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June 2019, the FBMKLCI Index rose 1.3% m-o-m (or 21.4 points) to close at 1,672 points. We believe the rebound in the market was driven by optimism over potential rate cuts in the US and easing US-China trade tensions. The performance was better than the historical trend, as the Malaysian market had posted average monthly gain of 0.5% in June over the past 10 years.

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") prices continued to surge across the curve in June, moving the yields lower following a dovish tone from both the US Federal Reserve ("FED") and European Central Bank ("ECB"), as both are considering monetary easing due to the heightened downside risk on the global economy despite US and China have put a temporary pause to their trade war. Ringgit on the other hand strengthened to RM4.1310/USD from RM4.1890/USD a month earlier, mainly driven by the foreign capital inflows into local bond market. Brent crude oil prices were last seen at USD66.55/barrel compared to USD64.49/barrel in a month ago.

On the local economic front, Malaysia's exports gained momentum, expanding a further 2.5% y-o-y in May, from +1.1% in April after contracting in Feb-Mar 2019, as a pick-up in non-electrical & electronics (E&E) and commodities shipments more than mitigated by the slowdown in E&E exports. This was above market consensus of 2.2%.

For equity, we are cautious on the equity market outlook. Corporate earnings were still weak and we expect the global geopolitical tension on trade war will continue to dampen the sentiment. We will continue to position the portfolio accordance to the constituents, and weighting on the defensive stocks amid uncertainty.

For fixed income, Following the 25bps OPR cut in May 2019, BNM is expected to maintain slight-dovish monetary stance for the remaining 2019, in line with the weaker economic prospect and the expectation of US Fed rate cuts. The external risk factors such as geopolitical tension in the Middle-East, US-China trade war and fluctuation in crude oil prices will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, we will keep looking to buy on dips of corporate bonds if the opportunity arises.

Based on the performance table below, on monthly basis only Balanced Fund had outperformed its benchmarks. Meanwhile other funds had underperformed their benchmarks.

Policyholders are encouraged to focus into regular premium given the current risk and volatile period of the economic and market condition. Risk adverse investors should focus into income fund due to its less volatile as compared to equity related funds.

	Asiapa	c Fund	Balan	ced Fund	Divider	nd Fund	Equity	Fund	Global Y	′akin Fund	Incom	ie Fund	Jati F	und
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	3.93%	5.71%	1.53%	1.36%	1.16%	1.29%	1.26%	1.29%	3.59%	7.29%	1.08%	1.42%	2.15%	2.86%
3 Months (%)	4.07%	2.10%	2.53%	2.03%	1.54%	1.73%	1.54%	1.73%	4.50%	1.32%	2.79%	2.32%	2.62%	3.81%
6 Months (%)	8.62%	10.01%	4.40%	2.12%	1.77%	-1.09%	1.45%	-1.09%	11.65%	12.71%	4.87%	5.37%	4.05%	5.46%
12 Months (%)	7.69%	4.24%	5.87%	3.74%	4.04%	-1.15%	3.83%	-1.15%	4.89%	0.93%	8.11%	8.65%	3.88%	0.33%

Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

To achieve steady income stream with potential growth in the Asia Pacific Region over medium to long term. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the S&P Ethical Pan Asia Select Dividend Opportunities Index over periods of five or more years.

Investment Strategy

To invest in Asia Pacific Ethical Dividend Exchange Traded Fund (ETF), managed by CIMB Principal Asset Management where the ETF is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

The ETF focuses on top 40 ethical and high yielding stocks in the Asia Pacific Region excluding India, Taiwan, Japan, New Zealand and Philippines. The fund provides country diversification across the industry that is traded in US Dollar.

Risks

The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and adjusted to commensurate with the Investment Team view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The target market is for investors who are seeking regional exposure from investment and at the same time, seeking for medium to long term capital appreciation with moderate market risk.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 178bps MoM (month on month). However for since inception period, the fund had outperformed the benchmark.



AsiaPac Fund Performance Since Inception

Top Ten Holdings

CIMB S&P Asia Pacific Ethical Dividend Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

Fund Information

NAV (28.06.19)	RM0.7029
Fund Size	RM52.98 million
Inception Date	15-July-2012
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or http://www.mcis.my
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
ETF	80%	100%	83%
Cash	0%	20%	17%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	3.93%	5.71%
3 months (%)	4.07%	2.10%
6 months (%)	8.62%	10.01%
12 months (%)	7.69%	4.24%
2 years (% pa)	1.96%	3.06%
3 years (% pa)	7.93%	7.90%
5 years (% pa)	6.47%	-0.47%
Since Inception	4.99%	0.34%

Notice: Past performance is not indicative of future performance, and the performance of the Fund is not guaranteed.

The Fund returns are calculated by MCIS and based on the value of the NAV, and for periods greater than 12-months are annualised numbers. Actual returns of the Fund are on a net basis (gross of tax and net of fees) and based on the performance of the Fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums/ contributions paid for the product.

* Index is S&P Ethical Pan Asia Select Dividend Opportunities sourced from Bloomberg.

Balanced Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

The objective of the Balanced Fund is to provide security and income, while maintaining and potentially increasing the value of capital over the medium to long-term, through exposure across a range of asset classes. The Fund aims to outperform the performance benchmark over periods of three or more years.

Investment Strategy

To invest in Malaysian equities and fixed income securities, including government bonds and corporate debt securities. The asset allocation is reviewed on a regular basis, and is adjusted commensurate with our view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

Risks

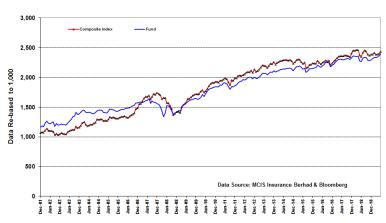
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economy development, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets. Additionally, levels of interest rates, and credit downgrades of defaults can affect the value of fixed income securities

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 17bps MoM (month on month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception



Top Ten Holdings

Malaysian Government Securities (Bond) CIMB Bank Berhad (Bond) Northern Gateway Infrastructure Sdn Bhd (Bond) Sabah Development Bank Berhad (Bond) Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Equity) Malayan Banking Berhad (Equity) Sabah Credit Corporation (Bond) Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (Bond) Malaysia Steel Works (KL) Berhad (Bond) CIMB Bank Berhad (Equity)

Fund Information

NAV (28.06.19)	RM1.1989
Fund Size	RM7.95 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <u>http://www.mcis.my</u>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	45%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	51%
Cash	0%	20%	4%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.53%	1.36%
3 months (%)	2.53%	2.03%
6 months (%)	4.40%	2.12%
12 months (%)	5.87%	3.74%
2 years (% pa)	2.01%	1.58%
3 years (% pa)	2.96%	2.64%
5 years (% pa)	2.26%	1.21%
Since Inception	5.05%	5.14%

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* The benchmark index is a composite of 50% FBM KLCI Index and 50% of Markit iBoxx ALBI Malaysia TR Index (Since Dec '12). Prior to that, the index used was HSBC Malaysia All Bond Index for the fixed income portion. Benchmark return is calculated on re-based basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

Dividend Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

To achieve steady income stream with potential for capital growth over medium to long term by focusing mostly on high dividend yielding stocks and money market instruments. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the FBM KLCI Index over periods of five or more years.

Investment Strategy

To invest in a broad selection of companies listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, the fund focuses on undervalued stocks relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving an income stream, together with some degree of long-term capital gains.

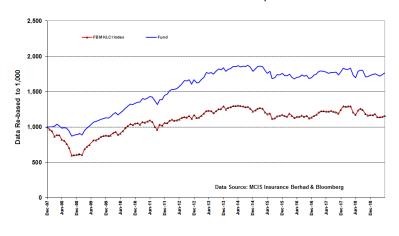
Risks

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 13bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



Dividend Fund Performance Since Inception

Top Ten Holdings

Petronas Gas Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Public Bank Berhad Maxis Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad DiGi.Com Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Petronas Dagangan Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad

Fund Information

NAV (28.06.19)	RM0.8378
Fund Size	RM31.88 million
Inception Date	21-Jan-08
Fund Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <u>http://www.mcis.my</u>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.16%	1.29%
3 months (%)	1.54%	1.73%
6 months (%)	1.77%	-1.09%
12 months (%)	4.04%	-1.15%
2 years (% pa)	-0.27%	-2.63%
3 years (% pa)	1.16%	0.36%
5 years (% pa)	-1.11%	-2.34%
Since Inception	5.06%	1.28%
Yield #	3.28%	3.38%

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* Index is FBM KLCI sourced from Bloomberg. # Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS.

Equity Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

The objective of the Equity Fund is to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term by focusing on high quality equities listed on the FBM KLCI Index. The aim of the Equity Fund is to outperform the Index over periods of five or more years.

Investment Strategy

To invest in a broad selection of companies listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, the fund focuses on the stocks whose shares appear undervalued relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving long term growth in capital value.

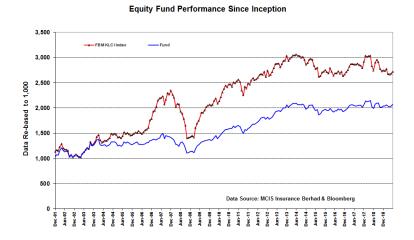
Risks

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 3bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



Top Ten Holdings

Public Bank Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Petronas Dagangan Berhad Maxis Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad

Fund Information

RM1.0328
RM9.7 million
15-Oct-01
1.40% p.a.
Daily
Major Newspaper, or http://www.mcis.my
MCIS Insurance Berhad
Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	94%
Cash	0%	20%	6%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.26%	1.29%
3 months (%)	1.54%	1.73%
6 months (%)	1.45%	-1.09%
12 months (%)	3.83%	-1.15%
2 years (% pa)	0.40%	-2.63%
3 years (% pa)	2.11%	0.36%
5 years (% pa)	-0.23%	-2.34%
Since Inception	4.17%	5.79%
Yield #	3.35%	3.38%

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* Index is FBM KLCI sourced from Bloomberg.

Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS.

Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

The fund aims for capital appreciation in the long term by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equityrelated securities of companies with good growth potential.

Investment Strategy

The Fund is to feed into Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund (ASIWEF) which managed by Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investment (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. The Fund invests in shariah approved securities across the globe.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities of companies with good growth potential. The countries that the Fund will invest in will include, but not limited to Canada, United States of America, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Brazil and Mexico.

Risks

The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and adjusted to commensurate with the Investment Team view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

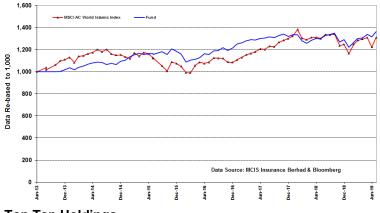
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The Fund is suitable for investors who seek capital appreciation over a long term investment horizon and who are willing to accept high level of risk.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 370bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly due to underperforming of the underlying securities compared to the benchmark index.





Top Ten Holdings

Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund (ASIWEF)

Fund Information

NAV (28.06.19)	RM0.6802
Fund Size	RM42.58 million
Inception Date	8-July-2013
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <u>http://www.mcis.my</u>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
ASIWEF	80%	100%	82%
Cash	0%	20%	18%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	3.59%	7.29%
3 months (%)	4.50%	1.32%
6 months (%)	11.65%	12.71%
12 months (%)	4.89%	0.93%
2 years (% pa)	2.15%	4.46%
3 years (% pa)	5.57%	6.52%
5 years (% pa)	4.59%	2.24%
Since Inception	5.26%	4.61%

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* Index is MSCI AC World Islamic sourced from Bloomberg.

Income Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

The objective of the Income Fund is to provide investors with security of income by investing in a mix of fixed income and fixed deposit securities. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the HSBC Malaysia Local Currency All Bond Total Return Index.

Investment Strategy

To invest into underlying asset classes as per the Asset Allocation Ranges. The asset allocation is reviewed on a regular basis, and is adjusted commensurate with our view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class. The Fund invests in cash and fixed income securities including government bonds and corporate debt securities.

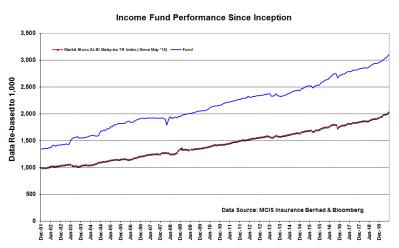
Risks

The Fund is considered lower risk given the exposure to cash and fixed income securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets. Additionally, levels of interest rates, and credit downgrades or defaults can affect the value of fixed income securities.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 34bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was due to underperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



Top Ten Holdings

Malaysian Government Securities Northern Gateway Infrastructure Sdn Bhd UiTM Solar Power Sdn Berhad SAJ Capital Sdn Bhd Malaysia Steel Works (KL) Berhad YTL Corporation Berhad Sabah Development Bank Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad Asian Finance Bank Berhad BGSM Management Sdn Bhd

Fund Information

NAV (28.06.19)	RM1.5513
Fund Size	RM30.94 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	0.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or http://www.mcis.my
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Мах	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	89%
Cash	0%	25%	11%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.08%	1.42%
3 months (%)	2.79%	2.32%
6 months (%)	4.87%	5.37%
12 months (%)	8.11%	8.65%
2 years (% pa)	5.57%	5.74%
3 years (% pa)	5.11%	4.80%
5 years (% pa)	5.42%	4.74%
Since Inception	6.59%	4.07%

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* The benchmark index is Markit iBoxx ALBI Malaysia TR Index (Since Dec '12). Prior to that, the index used was HSBC Malaysia All Bond Index. Benchmark return is calculated on rebased basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

Jati Fund Monthly Report (June 2019)

Investment Objective

The Jati Fund is invested in accordance with Shariah principles in Shariah sanctioned equities, money market instruments, and fixed income investments. The aim is to provide security and income, while maintaining and potentially increasing the value of capital over the medium to long-term. The Jati Fund is not a takaful product.

Investment Strategy

To invest in a broad selection of Shariah approved securities listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology it looks to buy stocks whose shares appear undervalued relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving an income stream, together with some degree of long-term capital gains.

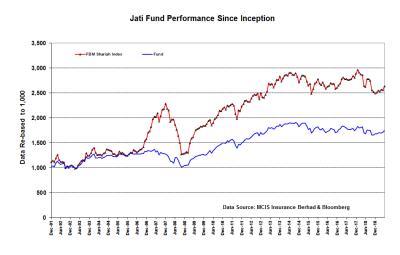
Risks

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

Fund Performance

For the month ended June 2019, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 71bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



Top Ten Holdings

Tenaga Nasional Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Perlis Plantation Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Axiata Group Berhad Maxis Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad Sime Darby Berhad

Fund Information

NAV (28.06.19)	RM0.8744
Fund Size	RM14.46 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.35% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or http://www.mcis.my
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	85%
Cash	0%	20%	15%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	2.15%	2.86%
3 months (%)	2.62%	3.81%
6 months (%)	4.05%	5.46%
12 months (%)	3.88%	0.33%
2 years (% pa)	-1.14%	-2.72%
3 years (% pa)	0.33%	0.08%
5 years (% pa)	-1.70%	-1.95%
Since Inception	3.20%	5.61%
Yield #	2.73 %	2.65%

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- * Index is FBMS Index sourced from Bloomberg.
- # Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS.

Equity Market Review and Outlook

Market Review

In June 2019, the FBMKLCI Index rose 1.3% m-o-m (or 21.4 points) to close at 1,672 points. We believe the rebound in the market was driven by optimism over potential rate cuts in the US and easing US-China trade tensions. The performance was better than the historical trend, as the Malaysian market had posted average monthly gain of 0.5% in June over the past 10 years. The average daily value traded on the Malaysian stock exchange fell 12.8% m-o-m and 25.7% y-o-y to RM1.96billion in June 2019, partly due to lower trading activities by investors during the Raya holidays. However, for the first half of the year, the local index fell 1.1%.

Foreign investors turned net buyers of Malaysian equities of RM100million in June. However, in 1H19, Malaysia witnessed net foreign outflow of RM4.8billion due to the uninspiring results released by Malaysian corporates, and global uncertainties.

On the local economic front, Malaysia's exports gained momentum, expanding a further 2.5% y-o-y in May, from +1.1% in April after contracting in Feb-Mar 2019, as a pick-up in non-electrical & electronics (E&E) and commodities shipments more than mitigated by the slowdown in E&E exports. This was above market consensus of 2.2%.

Global equity markets rallied sharply in June sending the Dow Jones up 7.2% in the month. Meanwhile China Shanghai Index closed 2.8% higher on monthly basis. The positive movements were fueled by renewed hope over potential progress in the US–China trade talks at the upcoming G20 summit and the dovish statements from the Federal Reserve.



Market Outlook & Strategy

Technically, the index broke out of its long-term downtrend line since the 1,896 high in June and this breakout augurs well for the month of July. Given that the US and China presidents reached a trade truce and agreed to resume talks following the G20 meeting, a decisive break above the 200-day exponential moving average (EMA, currently at 1,682 points) would drive the index higher to fill the 1 March gap of 1,701- 1,707 points next, followed by 1,717.

Based on historical data, the FBMKLCI performance tends to be positive in July, having registered an average monthly gain of 1.8% over the past 10 years.

Moving forward, we are cautious on the equity market outlook. Corporate earnings were still weak and we expect the global geopolitical tension on trade war will continue to dampen the sentiment. We will continue to position the portfolio accordance to the constituents, and weighting on the defensive stocks amid uncertainty.

Fixed Income Review and Outlook

Market Review

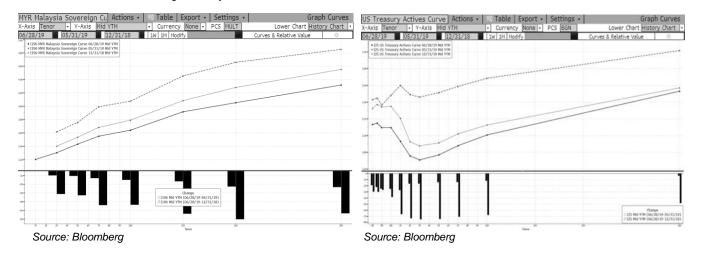
Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") prices continued to surge across the curve in June, moving the yields lower following a dovish tone from both the US Federal Reserve ("FED") and European Central Bank ("ECB"), as both are considering monetary easing due to the heightened downside risk on the global economy despite US and China have put a temporary pause to their trade war. Ringgit on the other hand strengthened to RM4.1310/USD from RM4.1890/USD a month earlier, mainly driven by the foreign capital inflows into local bond market. Brent crude oil prices were last seen at USD66.55/barrel compared to USD64.49/barrel in a month ago.

On local economic data, the inflation remained benign at +0.2% in May'19 (Apr'19: +0.2% YoY) despite of the Ramadhan and Aidilfitri celebration. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage saw slightly higher prices during the festive season at +1.2% (Apr'19: +1.1% YoY) while Transport cost continued to post steady decline at -2.5% (Apr'19: -2.6% YoY) as the retail oil prices of RON95 were lowered to RM2.08/L compared to RM2.20/L in a year ago. Malaysia's export and import rose again this month to +2.5% (Apr'19: +1.1% YoY) and +1.4% (Apr'19: +4.4% YoY), bringing the trade balance to RM9.1 billion in May'19 (Apr'19: RM10.8 billion).

External reserve increased slightly to USD102.7bil as at end-Jun'19 (end-May'19: USD102.3bil), mainly driven by the foreign capital inflows into local bonds. The reserve is sufficient to cover 7.3 months of retained import and 1.2 times short term external debt, and is above the IMF's estimate of adequate reserve level of USD97.4bil.

The auctions unveiled in June 2019 are as follows;

Government Auctions				
Issue	Issue Date	Amount	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
		(RM million)	(times)	(%)
5year New Issuance of MGS(Mat 06/24)	14/6/2024	4,000.00	2.49	3.48
20year Re-Issuance of GII(Mat 09/39)	28/6/2019	4,000.00	4.27	4.07
Source: Bank Negara Malaysia				



The 10-year US Treasury Yield dipped below the 2.0% mark in Jun'19 (end-May'19: 2.125%) as the US FED dropped the "patient" reference in its statement given the poor job data. The 10-year German Bund reached historical low of -0.33%.

Market Outlook & Strategy

Following the 25bps OPR cut in May 2019, BNM is expected to maintain slight-dovish monetary stance for the remaining 2019, in line with the weaker economic prospect and the expectation of US Fed rate cuts. The external risk factors such as geopolitical tension in the Middle-East, US-China trade war and fluctuation in crude oil prices will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, we will keep looking to buy on dips of corporate bonds if the opportunity arises.