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# Investment Linked Fund Performance report June 2014

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# AsiaPac Fund **Monthly Report (June 2014)**

# **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.

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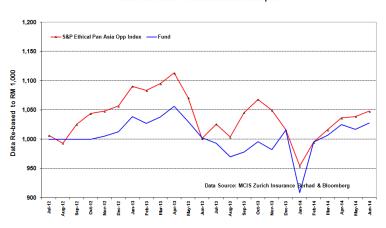
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and 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 2014, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 18bps MoM (month on month). This was due to better performance of CIMB S&P Asia Pacific Ethical Dividend Exchange Trade Fund compared to benchmark for the period under review.



AsiaPac Fund Performance Since Inception

# **Top Five Holdings**

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

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM0.5138 Fund Size RM 21.6 million 15-July-2012 Inception Date 0.85% p.a. Fund Management

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
ETF	80%	100%	90%
Cash	0%	20%	10%

### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.04%	0.86%
3 months (%)	2.07%	3.15%
6 months (%)	1.16%	3.11%
12 months (%)	2.51%	4.68%
2 years (% pa)	-	-
3 years (% pa)	-	-
5 years (% pa)	-	-
Since Inception	1.37%	2.37%

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

Other Charges: Switching Fee, you are entitled to four free switches per policy year. Additional switches within the same year will be charged at 1% of the value of units switched, subject to a maximum of RM 50; and all taxes, duties and other charges incurred in the purchase, sale, valuation and maintenance of the investments of the Fund.

# Balanced Fund Monthly Report (June 2014)

# **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**

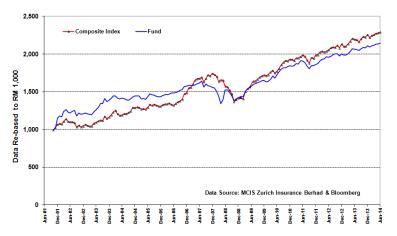
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economy development, social and political factors, 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 2014, the fund had underperformed the benchmark marginally by 7bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio.

### **Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception**



# **Top Five Holdings**

Malaysian Government Securities-MO11001 (Bond) Khazanah (Bond) Malaysian Government Securities-MS03002H (Bond) Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad (Bond) Tenaga Nasiaonal Berhad (Equity)

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM1.0721
Fund Size RM7.0 million
Inception Date 15-Oct-01
Fund Management 1.25% p.a.

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# **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	46%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	42%
Cash	0%	20%	12%

### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.38%	0.45%
3 months (%)	1.44%	1.51%
6 months (%)	1.52%	1.57%
12 months (%)	3.72%	4.29%
2 years (% pa)	4.70%	5.59%
3 years (% pa)	3.93%	4.88%
5 years (% pa)	6.68%	7.98%
Since Inception	6.17%	6.72%

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\* Index is composite of 50% FBM KLCI Index, and 50% HSBC Malaysia All Bond FBM KLCI Index. Index data sourced from Bloomberg.

Other Charges: Switching Fee, you are entitled to four free switches per policy year. Additional switches within the same year will be charged at 1% of the value of units switched, subject to a maximum of RM 50; and all taxes, duties and other charges incurred in the purchase, sale, valuation and maintenance of the investments of the Fund.

# Dividend Fund Monthly Report (June 2014)

# **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**

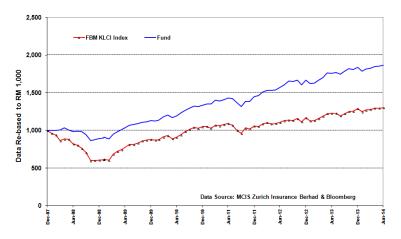
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 2014, the fund had underperformed the benchmark marginally by 6bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming stocks in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

### **Dividend Fund Performance Since Inception**



### **Top Five Holdings**

Petronas Gas Berhad (Equity) Telekom Malaysia Berhad (Equity) Public Bank Berhad (Equity) Sime Darby Berhad (Equity) Maxis Berhad (Equity)

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM0.8857
Fund Size RM 51.3 million
Inception Date 21-Jan-08
Fund Management 1.5% p.a.

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	86%
Cash	0%	20%	14%

### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.44%	0.50%
3 months (%)	2.02%	1.81%
6 months (%)	1.34%	0.84%
12 months (%)	6.02%	6.16%
2 years (% pa)	8.89%	8.50%
3 years (% pa)	9.19%	6.04%
5 years (% pa)	12.97%	11.86%
Since Inception	10.06%	4.15%
Yield #	2.93%	3.53%

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# **Equity Fund Monthly Report (June 2014)**

# **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**

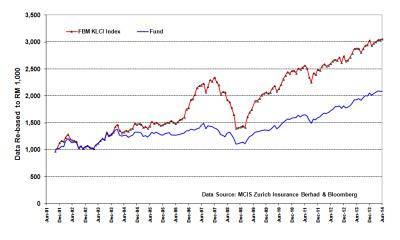
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 2014, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 21bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming stocks in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

# **Equity Fund Performance Since Inception**



### **Top Five Holdings**

Tenaga Nasional Bnd (Equity) IOI Corporation Berhad (Equity) Public Bank Berhad (Equity) Maybank Berhad (Equity) Axiata (Equity)

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM1.0448
Fund Size RM 9.5 million
Inception Date 15-Oct-01
Fund Management 1.40% p.a.

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# **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	86%
Cash	0%	20%	14%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.29%	0.50%
3 months (%)	1.05%	1.81%
6 months (%)	1.54%	0.84%
12 months (%)	8.21%	6.16%
2 years (% pa)	10.20%	8.50%
3 years (% pa)	8.21%	6.04%
5 years (% pa)	10.51%	11.86%
Since Inception	5.95%	9.17%
Yield #	2.79%	3.53%

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# Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (June 2014)

# **Investment Objective**

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

### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund is to feed into Aberdeen Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF) which managed by Aberdeen Islamic Asset Management 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.

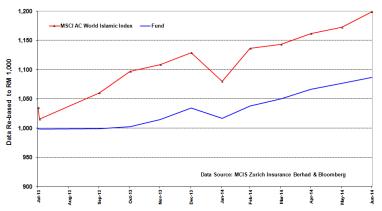
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 2014, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 138bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was partly due to the cash holdings.

**Global Yakin Fund Performance Since Inception** 



### **Top Five Holdings**

Aberdeen Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM0.5434
Fund Size RM 11.0 million
Inception Date 8-July-2013
Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

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# **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
AIWEF	80%	100%	79%
Cash	0%	20%	21%

### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.89%	2.27%
3 months (%)	3.47%	4.87%
6 months (%)	5.05%	6.24%
12 months (%)	-	-
2 years (% pa)	-	-
3 years (% pa)	-	-
5 years (% pa)	-	-
Since Inception	8.68%	19.94%

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<sup>\*</sup> Index is MSCI AC World Islamic sourced from Bloomberg.

# Income Fund Monthly Report (June 2014)

# **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.

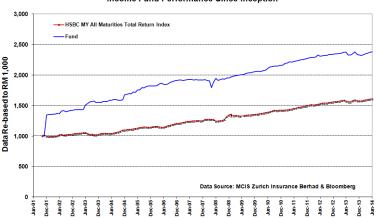
### Risks

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 2014, the fund had underperformed the benchmark marginally by 5bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio.



#### Income Fund Performance Since Inception

### **Top Five Holdings**

Malaysian Government Securities-MS130005 (Bond) Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad (Bond) Malaysian Government Securities-MN130003 (Bond) Malaysian Government Securities-MS03002H (Bond) Government Investment Issue-GL130069 (Bond)

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM1.1912 Fund Size RM 20.7 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01 Fund Management 0.5% p.a.

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Asset Allocation Ranges

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Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	88%
Cash	0%	25%	12%

### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.35%	0.40%
3 months (%)	1.47%	1.22%
6 months (%)	2.14%	2.26%
12 months (%)	0.43%	2.36%
2 years (% pa)	1.56%	2.61%
3 years (% pa)	2.33%	3.51%
5 years (% pa)	3.52%	4.00%
Since Inception	7.05%	3.81%

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\* Index is HSBC Malaysia All Bond FBM KLCI Index, sourced from Bloomberg.

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# Jati Fund Monthly Report (June 2014)

# **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**

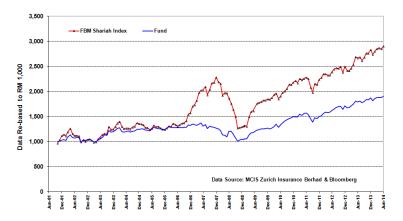
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The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

#### **Fund Performance**

For the month ended June 2014, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 43bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming stocks in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

#### Jati Fund Performance Since Inception



### **Top Five Holdings**

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (Equity) Sime Darby Berhad (Equity) Axiata Berhad (Equity) IOI Corporation Berhad (Equity) Telekom Malaysia Berhad (Equity)

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.06.14) RM0.9526 Fund Size RM10.9 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01 Fund Management 1.35% p.a.

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Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	86%
Cash	0%	20%	14%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.48%	1.91%
3 months (%)	1.50%	1.83%
6 months (%)	1.80%	2.57%
12 months (%)	6.21%	8.89%
2 years (% pa)	8.46%	10.30%
3 years (% pa)	6.66%	8.37%
5 years (% pa)	10.04%	12.45%
Since Inception	5.19%	8.73%
Yield #	2.26%	3.56%

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Other Charges: Switching Fee, you are entitled to four free switches per policy year. Additional switches within the same year will be charged at 1% of the value of units switched, subject to a maximum of RM 50; and all taxes, duties and other charges incurred in the purchase, sale, valuation and maintenance of the investments of the Fund.

# **Equity Market Review and Outlook**

### **Market Review**

June was a decent month as the FBM KLCI again squeezed out several new all-time high days. However, there were no major announcements to excite the market. The FBM KLCI ended the month 9pts or 0.5% higher to close at 1,882pts. The broader market marginally outperformed the KLCI as the FBM EMAS gained 0.6% mom to 13,022pts. Average daily value traded on Bursa in May declined 20% mom to RM1.86bn.

On the domestic economic front, exports moderated to 16.3% y-o-y in May (+18.7% in April and +8.3% in March). Despite the moderation, the export growth remained strong due to the effect of a weaker currency and a lower base effect, while economic recovery in developed countries continues to gather pace.





Chart 2: FBMKLCI Monthly Pattern and Cycle Analysis



Source: Bloomberg

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### Market Outlook & Strategy

July has historically been another moderate month for the KLCI with the index up an average 0.5%. This could be the case in 2014 as the KLCI has lagged its regional peers and traditionally starts to play catch up when that happens.

Technically, the rally off the 2008 low is still ongoing with prices hitting a new all time high of 1,892.33 in June, inching marginally above the mid-May high of 1,889. The fall from the 1,892 high was a key reversal week, which could potentially signal a top. The support trend line comes in at 1,870 while the swing low is at 1,860. As long as both of these support levels remain intact, we should give the benefit of the doubt to the bulls, with the upside resistance at 1,898-1,907.

Sustained inflow of foreign fund into the country will be the major catalyst to drive the local equity market for the medium term. However, upside may be limited by the expectation of the slower GDP for the 2Q2014 after the release of the slower industrial production index for the month of April 2014.

For the immediate term focus will be on the BNM's decision on the direction of the interest rate in July's MPC meeting. BNM in terms of OPR indicating their intention to adjust monetary policy accommodation to mitigate financial imbalances in the financial system is likely to raise the OPR in July by 25 to 50bps. We are currently reviewing our equity exposure with intention to increase exposure marginally.

# **Fixed Income Review and Outlook**

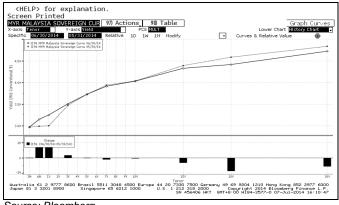
### **Market Review**

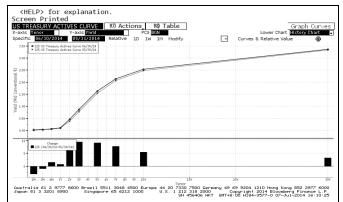
The trading trend along the Malaysian Government Bond market was cautious in June, with players already pricing in a quick hike in the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at either the July or September Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings. MGS yields had surged since the last MPC meeting on 8 May, bringing in only a mild increase in short tenor MGS yields in the month of June ahead of the upcoming 10 July MPC. Shorter tenor yields are usually the most sensitive to changes in benchmark/policy interest rates with the 3- and 5-year MGS edging up 1-5bps in June (the 3- and 5-year MGS surged 7bps and 16bps respectively in May 2014).

Meanwhile, yields along bellies and far-end of the curve fell in June slid considerably especially on the longer 15-, 20- and 30-year MGS. We believe duration extensions were noticeable especially to niche investors who favour longer dated MGS by seeing the light volume traded. Also boosting the far end of the curve was the lack of auction of longer tenor MGS or GIIs in June. In addition, the latest inflation number was positive for bonds. Malaysia's CPI edged down to +3.2% yoy in May versus +3.4% in April.

The government held three securities auctions in the month of June. The government sold RM3bn of 7-year GII 3/21 where the average yield was 4.112% and bid to cover (btc) of 2.35x. There was also a RM3bn 3-year MGS 3/17 reopening where the average yield was 3.486% on a btc of 1.39x (versus average of 2.56 times at the five govvies auctions before this MGS 3/17). We attribute the bond market slump post the May MPC as a major reason for the weak 3-year auction. That however is in total contrast to the 20-year GII 8/33 reopening where the average yield was 4.675% with a commendable btc of 3.28x.

US Treasuries weakened overall in the month of June, despite the accommodative stance offered by the Fed at the latest FOMC meeting and the quarter-on-quarter contraction in the US 1Q2014 GDP number. We think expectations of stronger economic performance into the medium and longer run, as well the release of already firm macro indicators (except the 1Q2014 GDP), lent to the weak performing UST market in June.After the 19 June 2014 FOMC meeting, Federal Reserve policymakers hinted interest rates would remain low into mid-2015 when we think the Fed will start to hike. The Fed trimmed another \$10 billion worth of monthly bond purchases in their stimulus package, lowering the amount to \$35 billion. The market is generally anticipating the QE 3 to end by either October or December this year due to no change in Fed members' tone.





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### Market Outlook & Strategy

We continue to advocate on accumulating bonds whenever there is a knee jerk sell-off arising from sentiment that is bearish. While with the recent hawkish comments from the MPC meeting is likely to cast some bearish sentiments in bonds, we believe this may augur well to offshore investors as they may see BNM's intention to signal an increase in OPR as a preemptive measure to manage inflation risk as well as to address some financial imbalances in key sectors. That positive interest can be jived to the recent strength in the Ringgit off late against the USD.