

# Investment Linked Fund Performance Report December 2016

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

December was a good month as the FBMKLCI index rose 1.4% m-o-m or 22.6 points to 1,641 on the back of window dressing activities. However, FBMKLCI index fell for the third consecutive year, by 3% or 50.8 points to 1,641 in 2016. The broader market underperformed, with the FBMEMAS index rising by only 1% m-o-m to 11,466pts.

MGS strengthened in December 2016, which was very much in contrast to losses suffered in the month before. MGS yields decreased between 8 to 40 bps across the yield curve. Ringgit was at its weakest level during the period, where ringgit increased slightly from RM4.468/USD to RM4.480/USD. Brent crude oil, on the other hand, increased steadily from USD50.47/barrel to USD56.82/barrel after the much anticipated OPEC's decision to finally cut oil supply.

CPI rose at higher rate by 1.8% to 116.9 from 114.8 in November 2016.

Persistent selling pressure from the foreign fund managers on expectation of higher interest rate in the US may limit any upside on the Bursa Malaysia. For the immediate term, we remain cautious on the equity market with focus to accumulate into stocks with limited downside and better risk to reward ratio. Meanwhile, the overall strategy for the fixed income market is still to buy on dips of MGS and corporate bonds.

Based on the performance table below, on monthly basis, only Asiapac Fund and Global Yakin Fund had outperformed 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.

## Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

	Asiapac Fu	nd	Balanced F	und	Dividend F	und	Equity Fun	d	Global Yaki	n Fund	Income Fu	ınd	Jati Fund	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	0.30%	0.01%	0.99%	1.46%	0.67%	1.40%	1.02%	1.40%	2.87%	2.15%	1.41%	1.52%	0.82%	0.95%
3 Months (%)	2.46%	-4.94%	-2.21%	-1.54%	-1.30%	-0.65%	-0.76%	-0.65%	2.72%	-1.19%	-1.40%	-2.43%	-3.13%	-2.70%
6 Months (%)	8.60%	-0.28%	0.14%	-0.56%	-0.28%	-0.75%	0.32%	-0.75%	7.91%	2.06%	1.47%	-0.39%	-0.69%	-0.73%
12 Months (%)	5.86%	1.21%	2.07%	0.06%	-3.41%	-3.00%	-1.51%	-3.00%	7.70%	5.67%	6.82%	3.09%	-5.87%	-6.14%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

# AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (December 2016)

## **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.

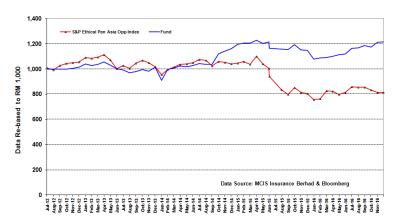
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 December 2016, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 29bps MoM (month on month). For since inception period, the fund had also 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 (30.12.16) RM0.6072 Fund Size RM26.0 million Inception Date 15-July-2012 Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

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### **Asset Allocation Ranges**

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.30%	0.01%
3 months (%)	2.46%	-4.94%
6 months (%)	8.60%	-0.28%
12 months (%)	5.86%	1.21%
2 years (% pa)	4.60%	-21.92%
3 years (% pa)	6.13%	-7.18%
5 years (% pa)	-	-
Since Inception	4.41%	-4.50%

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.

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 (December 2016)

# **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**

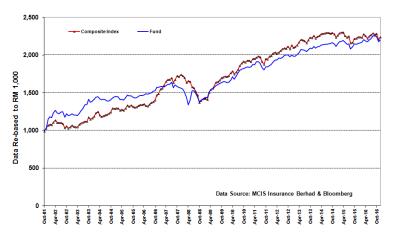
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economy development, social and political factors, 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 December 2016, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 47bps MoM (month on month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

## **Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception**



# **Top Ten Holdings**

Malaysian Government Securities (Bond)
Sabah Credit Corporation (Bond)
CIMB Bank Berhad (Bond)
Sarawak Hidro Sdn Bhd (Bond)
Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Equity)
Malayan Banking Berhad (Equity)
Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (Bond)
Public Bank Berhad (Bond)
CIMB Bank Berhad (Equity)
Maxis Berhad (Equity)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.16) RM1.0998
Fund Size RM7.6 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%	43%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	45%
Cash	0%	20%	12%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.99%	1.46%
3 months (%)	-2.21%	-1.54%
6 months (%)	0.14%	-0.56%
12 months (%)	2.07%	0.06%
2 years (% pa)	2.06%	0.10%
3 years (% pa)	1.36%	-0.26%
5 years (% pa)	3.39%	2.41%
Since Inception	5.30%	5.43%

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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.

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 (December 2016)

# **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**

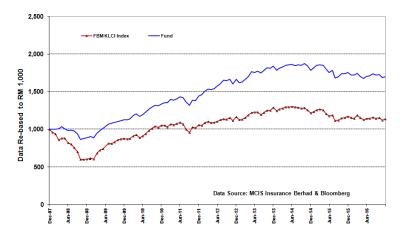
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 December 2016, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 73bps 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 Ten Holdings**

Public Bank Berhad
Sime Darby Berhad
Petronas Gas Berhad
Telekom Malaysia Berhad
Maxis Berhad
Malayan Banking Berhad
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad
DiGi.Com Berhad
IOI Corporation Berhad
Axiata Group Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.16) RM0.8071 Fund Size RM37.4 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%	90%
Cash	0%	20%	10%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.67%	1.40%
3 months (%)	-1.30%	-0.65%
6 months (%)	-0.28%	-0.75%
12 months (%)	-3.41%	-3.00%
2 years (% pa)	-2.42%	-3.45%
3 years (% pa)	-2.62%	-4.19%
5 years (% pa)	3.27%	1.41%
Since Inception	6.07%	1.43%
Yield #	2.90%	3.17%

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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 Fund Monthly Report (December 2016)**

# **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**

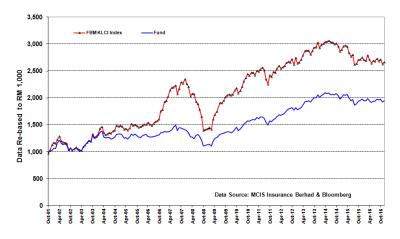
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 December 2016, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 38bps 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 Ten Holdings**

Tenaga Nasional Berhad
Public Bank Berhad
IOI Corporation Berhad
Malayan Banking Berhad
Sime Darby Berhad
Petronas Dagangan Berhad
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad
Telekom Malaysia Berhad
KLCCP Stapled Group
Maxis Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.16) RM0.9731 Fund Size RM8.9 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 (%)	1.02%	1.40%
3 months (%)	-0.76%	-0.65%
6 months (%)	0.32%	-0.75%
12 months (%)	-1.51%	-3.00%
2 years (% pa)	-0.77%	-3.45%
3 years (% pa)	-1.84%	-4.19%
5 years (% pa)	4.01%	1.41%
Since Inception	4.46%	6.65%
Yield #	2.80%	3.17%

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# Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (December 2016)

## **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.

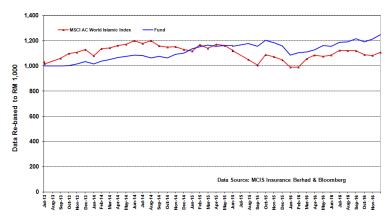
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 December 2016, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 72bps MoM (month on month). The outperformance was mainly due to outperforming of the underlying securities compared to the benchmark index.

**Global Yakin Fund Performance Since Inception** 



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

Aberdeen Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.16) RM0.6238
Fund Size RM26.8 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%	87%
Cash	0%	20%	13%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	2.87%	2.15%
3 months (%)	2.72%	-1.19%
6 months (%)	7.91%	2.06%
12 months (%)	7.70%	5.67%
2 years (% pa)	6.39%	-1.10%
3 years (% pa)	6.44%	-0.66%
5 years (% pa)	-	-
Since Inception	6.52%	2.94%

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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.

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

# Income Fund Monthly Report (December 2016)

## **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.

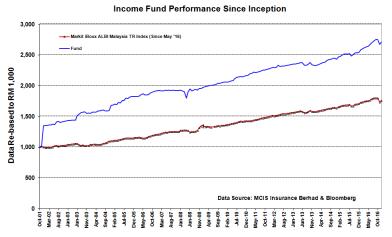
#### Risks

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 December 2016, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 11bps 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 Government Investment Issue YTL Corporation Berhad PBFIN Berhad BGSM Management Sdn Bhd Sabah Credit Corporation Perdana Petroleum Berhad Sarawak Hidro Sdn Bhd Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.16) RM1.3553 Fund Size RM27.3 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01

Fund Management

0.5% p.a.

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## **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	85%
Cash	0%	25%	15%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.41%	1.52%
3 months (%)	-1.40%	-2.43%
6 months (%)	1.47%	-0.39%
12 months (%)	6.82%	3.09%
2 years (% pa)	5.65%	3.65%
3 years (% pa)	5.14%	3.71%
5 years (% pa)	3.61%	3.30%
Since Inception	6.76%	3.77%

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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.

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.

# Jati Fund Monthly Report (December 2016)

# **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**

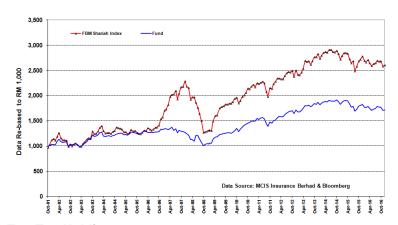
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 December 2016, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 13bps 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 Ten Holdings**

Sime Darby Berhad
Tenaga Nasional Berhad
SapuraKencana Petroleum Berhad
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad
Petronas Dagangan Berhad
Telekom Malaysia Berhad
Axiata Group Berhad
MISC Berhad
MyETF Dow Jones Islamic Market Titan 25
IHH Healthcare Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.16) RM0.8597
Fund Size RM11.6 million
Inception Date 15-Oct-01
Fund Management 1.35% p.a.

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Fund Manager MCIS I

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	16%
Cash	0%	20%	84%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.82%	0.95%
3 months (%)	-3.13%	-2.70%
6 months (%)	-0.69%	-0.73%
12 months (%)	-5.87%	-6.14%
2 years (% pa)	-2.94%	-1.99%
3 years (% pa)	-2.79%	-2.72%
5 years (% pa)	2.74%	3.13%
Since Inception	3.62%	6.49%
Yield #	2.33%	2.61%

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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**

December was a good month as the FBMKLCI rose 1.4% m-o-m or 22.6 points to 1,641 on the back of window dressing activities. However, FBMKLCI index fell for the third consecutive year, by 3% or 50.8 points to 1,641 in 2016. The broader market underperformed, with the FBMEMAS rising by only 1% m-o-m to 11,466pts. Average daily value traded on Bursa in December decreased 15% m-o-m to RM1.75billion.

On the domestic economic front, the headline inflation rate picked up to 1.8% y-o-y in November (vs. +1.4% in October and +1.5% in September). This reflected the acceleration in the cost of F&B. Looking ahead, the headline inflation rate is expected to remain manageable at 2.5% in 2017, albeit rising from the +2% estimated for 2016. Meanwhile, loan growth is expected to slow down to 3.7% in 2017 (estimated 4.3% in 2016 and 7.9% in 2015). This is on account of; a) Slower household loans, due to more stringent rules on lending and curbs on the property market; b) Moderating business loans from weakening economic growth.

Globally, manufacturing in the US ended the year on a high note, picking up to its strongest reading in two years. PMI Index rose to a reading of 54.7 in December (vs. 53.2 in November and 51.9 in October). This was indicating some degree of forward momentum in factory activity in the near term. Meanwhile, China's manufacturing sector continued to expand with the purchasing managers' index hitting a 47-month high in December, according to a survey conducted by financial information service provider Markit and sponsored by Caixin Media. This was the index's biggest rise since January 2013, and production grew at the fastest pace in nearly six years thanks to an increase in total new work.



#### Market Outlook & Strategy

Technically, current rally, which started in October 2008 is closing to 8 years old. The longest rally in Bursa Malaysia history is 10-years which recorded from 1998 to 2008. The index is currently at mid-point of its long term regression line since 1977. In ability to sustain at above this level may see further downside on the index. Lowest range of the regression channel will be at around 1,050 levels.

Persistent recovery on the crude oil prices (USD56.82/barrel as at 30 December 2016) may be positive for the Malaysian economy as this may push up oil revenue to the government. However, uncertainties clouding the sentiment and economy, coupled with the impact of Trump's policies after he took office on 20<sup>th</sup> January may not augur well for the market sentiment. Persistent selling pressure from the foreign fund managers on expectation of higher interest rate in the US may limit any upside on the Bursa Malaysia. For the immediate term, we remain cautious on the equity market with focus to accumulate into stocks with limited downside and better risk to reward ratio.

#### **Fixed Income Review and Outlook**

#### **Market Review**

Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) strengthened in December 2016, which was very much in contrast to losses suffered in the month before. MGS yields decreased between 8 to 40 bps across the yield curve. Ringgit was at its weakest level during the period, where ringgit increased slightly from RM4.468/USD to RM4.480/USD. Brent crude oil, on the other hand, increased steadily from USD50.47/barrel to USD56.82/barrel after the much anticipated Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) decision to finally cut oil supply.

In December, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) raised its Fed Funds Rate by 25bps to a range of 0.50% and 0.75% at its Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting on 13-14 December 2016, which was in line with market expectations. From that FOMC meeting, market was made to understand that the US Fed will now expect at least three rate hikes for 2017 (instead of the earlier market consensus of only two).

On Malaysia's economic data, Consumer Price Index (CPI) in November 2016 rose at higher rate by 1.8% to 116.9 from 114.8 of the preceding year. The increase was attributed by increases in Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.8%) and Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas & Other Fuels (+2.1%). That said, it was also offset by the decrease in Communication (-2.7%), Transport (-1.5%) and Communication (-0.5%).

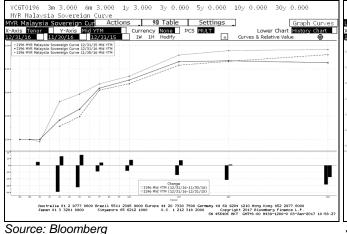
The auctions unveiled in December 2016 are as follows:

Government Auctions in December 2016						
Issue	Issue Date	Amount (RM million)	Bid-cover (times)	Avg Yield (%)		
20-year Re-opening of MGII (Mat on 10/35)	8-Dec-16	1,500	3.750	4.811		

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Change ::125 Mid YTM (12/31/16-11/30/16 ::125 Mid YTM (12/31/16-12/31/15

Table 1: Government Auctions December 2016. Source: Bank Negara Malaysia





In November, foreign holdings in Ringgit government securities decreased by RM18.8 billion to RM196.05 billion (or 33.2% of outstanding MGS and GII). In our opinion, foreign players remained guarded. However, we think that foreign outflows should have eased in December, as the Ringgit and Malaysian bonds showed signs of stabilizing during the past month.

Source: Bloomberg

# Market Outlook & Strategy

In view of the current investment climate, the overall strategy for the fixed income market is still to buy on dips of MGS and corporate bonds. We will be diligent in taking some profit for the bonds that have rallied passed their fundamental values from time to time to ensure tactical growth in realised income. Overall, we believe bonds will still provide decent yields given as there is still uncertainty within all investment markets as we embrace global financial market changes due a change in power from Obama to Trump's administration in the USA. Domestic growth, while expected to be decent compared to other global economies, continue to be subdue with increased elements of "surprise" factors.