

# HLA Dana Suria (HLADS)

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#### **Fund Features**

#### **Investment Objective** 1.

This fund provides investors an affordable access into a diversified investment portfolio which offers steady and consistent return over a long-term investment horizon by investing into local and global equities and fixed income securities that comply with Shariah requirements.

#### Investment Strategy & Approach 2.

At inception, this fund will invest by feeding into Hong Leong Dana Maa'rof and HLA Venture Dana Putra ("Target Funds") with the option to increase the number of funds or replace the Target Funds in future.

Generally, the Target Funds select undervalued companies that have the potential to offer good Medium-To-Long Term capital growth. In terms of fixed income instruments, selection depends largely on credit quality to assure relative certainty in profit income, principal payment, and overall total return stability.

#### 3 Asset Allocation

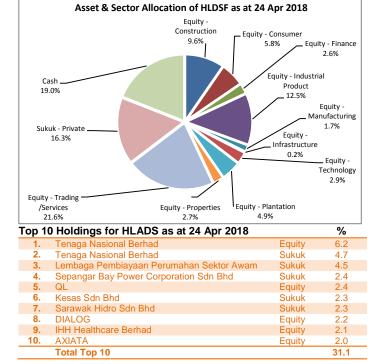
Hong Leong Dana Maa'rof (HLDM) will invest a minimum 40% and maximum 60% of its NAV into Shariah-compliant equities while HLA Venture Dana Putra (HLAVDP) will invest up to maximum 90%, but not less than 40% of fund's NAV into Shariah approved equities. Generally, HLA Dana Suria may invest up to a maximum of 95% of its NAV into Shariah-compliant equities or a maximum of 100% of its NAV into Shariah-based deposits or Islamic money market instruments.

#### **Target Market** 4.

This fund is suitable for investors who have moderate risk-reward temperament and are looking for returns from Shariah-compliant investments in a medium-to-long term investment horizon. **Fund Details** 

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Unit Price (24/4/2018)	:RM1.1673
Fund Size (24/4/2018)	:RM6.28mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.30% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Managed
Fund Inception	:24 Sept 2013
Benchmark	:(70% x FTSE Bursa Malaysia EmasShariah Index) + (30% x 3-month Klibor)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Weekly

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

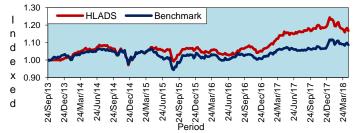


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#### **Historical Performance**



1 month 1 Year YTD 3 Years Since Inception 16.73% HLADS 2.64% 2.36% 8.85% -0.53% 0.41% -0.34% 2.03% 2.40% 8.60% Benchmark Relative -3.05% -0.18% 0.33% 6.45% 8.13% Source: Bloomberg

<u>Market Review, Outlook & Strategy</u> Global investment sentiment started off the month weak as the tussle for trade leverage continued between the US and China. However, sentiment started to improve when the Chinese President, Xi Jinping reaffirmed his commitment to more open trade at the Boao Forum in China, possibly paving way for better relations between the two countries.

Oil markets also received a boost as prices appreciated on the back of talks over possible sanctions on Iran, Saudi Arabia's energy minister reaffirming their commitment to prevent another supply glut and increased geopolitical tensions between US and Russia over suspected chemical attacks on Syrian civilians. In addition, industry sources were quoted as saying that Saudi Arabia is hoping that oil prices would rise to US\$80/ barrel or may even touch US\$100/barrel in the near future. Meanwhile, markets started to recover on the back of better than expected US corporate earnings. The Chinese economy expanded 6.8% yoy in the 1Q, which was ahead of expectations.

Domestically the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced the dissolution of Parliament, paving the way for the long anticipated 14<sup>th</sup> General Elections (GE14) which will take place on 9th May. Bursa Malaysia also initiated the intraday short-selling framework for all investors on 16<sup>th</sup> April. On the economic front, March inflation was softer than expected at +1.3% yoy but the overall underlying trend remains broadly positive in 1Q18. Notable news included MyHSR Corp appointing the MRCB-Gamuda consortium and Syarikat Pembenaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn Bhd – TH Properties consortium as the PDP's for the KL-SG HSR civil works portion.

During the month, the KLCI gained 0.4% mom to close at 1.870pts. The KLCI continued to outperform the broader market for the fourth consecutive month in 2018. FTSE Emas fell 0.1% mom, FTSE Bursa Small Cap index posted an even larger decline of 1.9% mom while the FTSE Emas Shariah was down by 0.5% mom. Foreigners turned net buyers (RM1.5b) vs net sellers of RM0.1b in March. The Ringgit depreciated by 1.6% mom against the US\$ to 3.9235

On the local front, investors will be watching for the outcome of GE14 which is closely contested, preferring to stay on the sidelines till after 9 May. Investors will also be tracking the upcoming 1Q18 results reporting season as well as 1Q18's GDP growth. Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) will also be meeting this month and consensus is expecting that the overnight policy rate will remain unchanged at 3.25%. The current broad market correction presents an opportunity for the portfolio to reposition itself structurally. We will continue to seek cover in quality big cap stocks that offer earnings certainty and stable dividend yield. However we will also nibble on selected small-mid cap names which have been sold down irrationally where the stock specific fundamentals and management quality remain strong.

#### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy - Fixed Income Market

For the month of April, US Treasury (UST) movements continued to be the key driver for local govvies amid uncertainties arising from GE14. Generally, local market liquidity was thin and yields were creeping higher. During the month, UST peaked at just below 3.03%, breaching the 3.0% mark for the first time in 4 years but it soon corrected to below 3% by month end. Taking the cue from UST, overall MGS benchmark yields spiked up by 12-22bps m-o-m across the curve

On the economic front, February unemployment rate fell to 3.3% from 3.4% previously reflecting an improving labour market. Meanwhile, inflation data came in lower than expected at 1.3% y-o-y in March, down from 1.4% y-o-y in February (consensus: 1.6%).

As for the government guaranteed (GG) and private debt securities (PDS) space, both GG and PDS yields also marked higher in tandem with the govvies' movement. Likewise, secondary volume remained weak in the absence of positive catalysts while primary issuances also slowed down. The few notable new issuances for the month like MBSB, Danainfra, MKD Kencana, UMW and WCT Holdings surprisingly fetched decent demand from the market.

Market is expected to be thinly traded ahead of GE14 as most investors will stay cautious till post polling date. Thus, movement in UST will continue to drive the local sentiment. Most investors expect both the FED and BNM to maintain status quo in both their upcoming monetary policy meetings, however, bonds yields are expected to be volatile especially the local bonds. This is because the bid and offer quoted is currently very wide. Thus, any sell off by foreigners will push the yield up especially when market liquidity is thin.

Meanwhile, there will be 4 govvies tenders in the month of May. Since the yields have moved quite substantially recently and the new 15 years benchmark tender will be right before GE14, it will be interesting to see where the yield will be printed. We are well prepared to take on some positions in the new issues and take advantage of the near term volatility in the market.

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### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Five (5) Calendar Years

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Benchmark	3.3%	-1.4%	2.2%	0.4%	7.5%
HLADS - Gross	2.7%	1.5%	7.4%	-0.6%	17.0%
HLADS - Net	1.2%	0.1%	5.5%	-1.9%	14.3%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past five (5) years, or since inception if shorter, and are strictly the performance of the investment-linked fund. Thus, the returns are not earned on the actual premium paid of the investment-linked product.

The fund was only launched on 24 September 2013. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 24 September to 31 December 2013.

### **Investment Risks**

All investments carry risks. Policy Owners must be prepared to accept certain degree of risk associated with this Investment. The following are the nonexhaustive list of risks associated to this fund.

### 1. Market Risk

Market risk stems from the fact that there are other economy-wide perils, which threaten all businesses. It is mainly caused by uncertainties in the economy, political and social environment.

#### 2. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund invested cannot be readily sold and converted into cash. This may arise when the trading volume is low and/or where there is a lack of demand for the security.

#### 3. Country Risk

The foreign investment of a fund may be affected by the political & economic conditions of the country which the investments are made.

#### 4. Currency Risk

This risk is associated with investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuation in foreign exchange rates will have an impact on the value of the funds.

#### 5. Concentration Risk

This risk is associated with a feeder fund whereby the investments of such fund are not diversified. A feeder fund invests mainly into another collective investment scheme.

#### **Risk Management**

The Company has in place its Authorized Investment Framework which forms part of the Risk Management process. The authority framework will cover the nature and scope of the investment authority that is exercisable by various parties in managing the Company's investments. Besides this, sensitivity and stress testing is conducted to inform the Company's management the profit & loss profiles of their investments under different pre-defined risk scenarios and the necessary action to be taken if the potential losses exceed the Company's risk tolerance level.

### **Basis of Unit Valuation**

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- 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.
  - 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 net asset value per unit.

## Exceptional Circumstances

The Company reserves the right to defer the payment of benefits (other than death benefit) under this Policy 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 Company, in its discretion, may consider exceptional.

### **Target Fund Details**

1. Hong Leong Dana Maa'rof is a Balanced fund managed by Hong Leong Asset Management Berhad. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

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Performance	7.0%	0.1%	9.1%	-1.2%	13.1%
Source: Hong Le	ong Asset	Manageme	nt Berhad		

2. HLA Venture Dana Putra is a Balanced fund managed by Hong Leong Assurance Berhad. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

 Year
 2013
 2014
 2015
 2016
 2017

 Performance
 32.6%
 -1.1%
 4.9%
 -2.3%
 20.8%

Source: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad



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### **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 after adjusting for distribution and/or additional units, if any.

#### Others

HLA Dana Suria is managed by Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (HLA). Any amount invested in this fund is invested by HLA on behalf of Policy Owner into Islamic unit trust/investment-linked funds which will invest in Shariah-compliant fixed income securities, equities, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instrument/s. If the financial institutions and/or corporations issuing the funds default or become insolvent, the Policy Owner risks losing part or all of his/her amount that were invested into the fund on his/her behalf by HLA.

## THIS IS AN INSURANCE PRODUCT THAT IS TIED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERLYING ASSETS, AND IS NOT A PURE INVESTMENT PRODUCT SUCH AS UNIT TRUSTS.

#### **Disclaimer:**

Policy Owner 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 Policy Owner to better understand the fund features and details in order to assist Policy Owner to making an informed decision. This document shall not be construed as professional advice on investment choices.