

# HLA Secure Fund (HLASF)

Jan 2020

## Fund Features

### 1. Investment Objective

To provide investors with steady and consistent return over a long-term investment horizon by investing into local and global fixed income securities and equities.

### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The strategy is to provide investors an affordable access into a diversified investment portfolio with a mixture of equities and fixed income instrument. The fund will invest primarily in fixed income instruments such as bonds, money market instruments, repo and deposits with financial institutions that provide regular income as well as in high dividend yield stocks to enhance the fund's returns. The asset allocation decision between fixed income instruments and equity is decided after considering the fixed income and equity market outlook over the medium to long-term horizon. Initially the fund will invest by feeding into Affin Hwang Select Income Fund ("Target Fund"), with the option to increase the number of funds or replace Affin Hwang Select Income Fund with other fund(s) in future.

### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund shall invest a minimum 70% of the NAV in Fixed Income Instruments and maximum 30% of NAV in equities.

### 4. Target Market

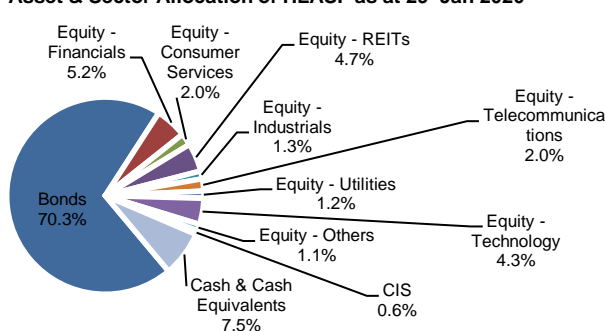
The fund is suitable for investors who are relatively conservative and wish to have a steady and stable return that meets their retirement needs.

## Fund Details

Unit Price (29/1/2020)	:RM1.4437
Fund Size (29/1/2020)	:RM21.0mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.00% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Managed
Fund Inception	:05 Feb 2013
Benchmark	: (70% x Maybank 12 Months Fixed Deposit Rate) + (30% x Dow Jones Asia Pacific Select Dividend 30 Index)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Weekly

Fund management charge of underlying Collective Investment Scheme(s) is part of Fund Management Fee as stated in table above. There are no additional charges being charged to the Policy Owner. The Company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice. With effect 27 April 2020, the frequency of unit valuation will be changed from weekly to daily.

## Asset & Sector Allocation of HLASF as at 29 Jan 2020



## Top 5 Holdings for HLASF as at 29 Jan 2020

		%
1.	United States Treasury	FI 2.1
2.	AIA Group Ltd	Equity 1.7
3.	China Life Insurance Co Ltd	FI 1.6
4.	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref Shares	Equity 1.5
5.	Singapore Telecom Ltd	Equity 1.5
Total Top 5		8.4

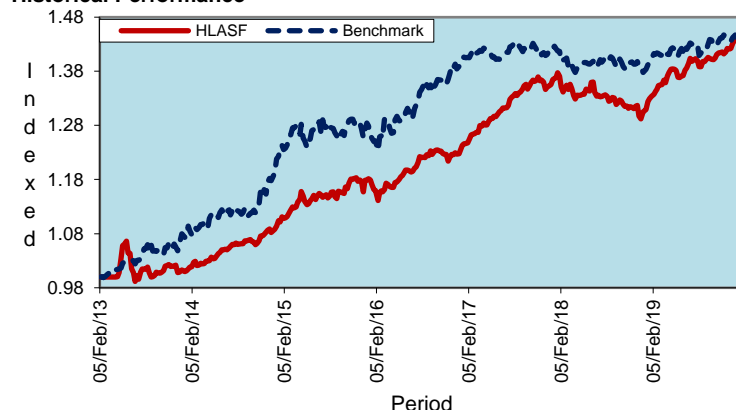
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## Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLASF	0.25%	0.25%	8.27%	15.79%	29.97%	44.37%
Benchmark*	-0.79%	-0.79%	2.30%	2.18%	15.50%	43.54%
Relative	1.04%	1.04%	5.97%	13.62%	14.47%	0.83%

\*Source: AffinHwang

## Market Review, Outlook & Strategy relevant to Target Fund

Global markets got off to a rocky start in 2020 as benchmark gauges reeled from contagion fears as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. The Hong Kong Hang Seng index tumbled 6.7% in January, whilst the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index fell 4.5%. Investors have been closely tracking the coronavirus outbreak to assess its potential impact to the economy as a result of wide scale city and factory shutdowns in China, as well as travel restriction bans. Global supply chains could see disruption due to stalled manufacturing activity; impacting markets like Taiwan and Korea which are heavily interlinked. Meanwhile, the US-China trade war made some positive headway with the two countries signing a phase-one trade deal. US President Donald Trump and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He signed the pact that will roll back some tariffs as well as see Beijing boost purchases of US goods and services by US\$200 billion over two years. This includes purchases of US agriculture products by US\$32 billion over the next two years by China. The US will cut by half the tariff rate it imposed Chinese goods to 7.5%. Tariffs that were scheduled to go into effect on December 15 were suspended indefinitely. China's retaliatory December 15 tariffs were also suspended. However, US tariffs of 25.0% on US\$250 billion worth of Chinese goods put in place earlier remains. Negotiations for the second phase of the trade deal is expected to commence before the presidential election in November. On monetary policy, the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") kept its benchmark rates unchanged in its policy meeting, but extended its repo injection programme by two more months to June 2020. This has resulted in a surge in the Fed's balance sheet to above the US\$4 trillion mark. With US inflation currently hovering 0.7% below the Fed's target of 2.0%, consensus now expects the central bank to deliver two rate cuts in 2H'2020.

Markets are drawing comparisons of the coronavirus outbreak to that of SARS in 2003, when the economy also came to a standstill at the height of the disease. However, the long-term impact of epidemics to significantly derail economic growth is transient and stock markets staged a quick recovery soon thereafter once the outbreak is contained. The quick and measured response from Chinese authorities in containing the outbreak has also soothed fears. Whilst we could see impact to China's 1Q'2020 GDP, additional fiscal and monetary support may cushion downside to its economy albeit with a lag effect. There are expectations that China would launch further stimulus measures to stabilise growth and keep the economy humming. The People's Bank of China had also recently announced that it will inject 1.2 trillion yuan (approx. US\$173 billion) worth of liquidity into the market via open market reverse repo operations to shore up growth. While we intend to tread ahead with caution, the indiscriminate sell-down may present an opportunity to scoop up bargains in the market, particularly stocks that exhibit long-term secular growth which we believe will stay resilient.

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### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Seven (7) Calendar Years

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Benchmark	7.2%	10.4%	7.7%	8.2%	2.6%	-2.2%	-0.2%
HLASF - Gross	2.5%	9.2%	10.2%	5.6%	12.4%	-3.0%	12.3%
HLASF - Net	1.3%	7.5%	8.4%	4.1%	10.4%	-3.7%	10.4%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past seven (7) 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 14 February 2013. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 14 February 2013 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 non-exhaustive 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

- 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.
- 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:
  - The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
  - 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.
- 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

Affin Hwang Select Income Fund is a Bond fund managed by Affin Hwang Investment Management. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Performance	9.3%	5.6%	15.1%	2.9%	6.9%	8.6%	4.1%	10.5%	-4.2%	10.0%

Source: Affin Hwang Investment Management

### 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.

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### **Others**

HLA Secure Fund is managed by Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (HLA). Any amount invested in this fund is invested by HLA on behalf of Policy Owner in equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instrument/s. If the financial institutions and/or corporations issuing the equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instruments defaults or insolvent, the Policy Owner risks losing part or all of his/her amount that were invested into the instruments on his/her behalf by HLA.

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### **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.