HLA Venture Income Fund (HLAVIF)

October 2022

Fund Features

1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve high principal security and steady income by investing in fixed-income instruments. Returns will be comparable to prevailing interest rates but correspondingly, the risks will be significantly lower than that for equities investment.

2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund focuses on fixed income securities and money market instruments as well as benchmarked against Maybank's 3 months fixed deposit rate. This fund is suitable for investors who have low to moderate risk profile.

3. Asset Allocation

The fund will invest up to 100% of its NAV in fixed income instruments.

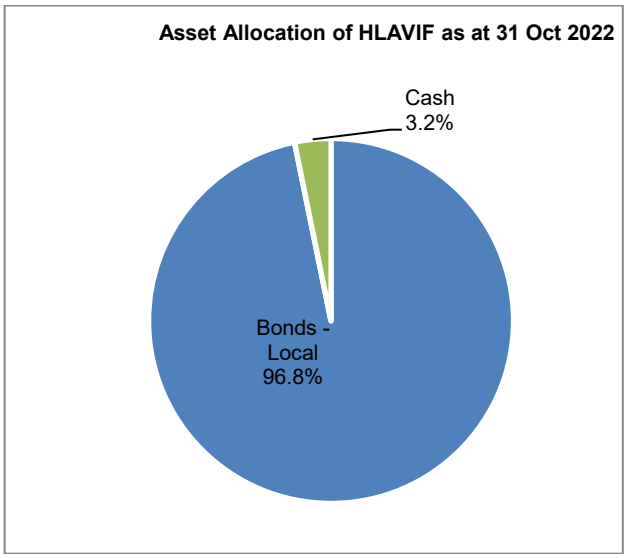
4. Target Market

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Fund Details

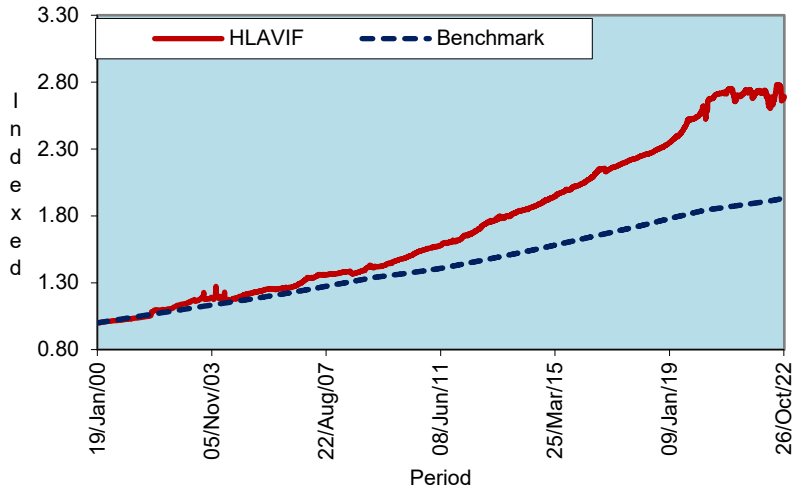
Unit Price (31/10/2022)	:RM2.6920
Fund Size (31/10/2022)	:RM560.2 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 0.50% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Bond
Fund Inception	:19 Jan 2000
Benchmark	:3-month Fixed Deposit Interest Rates
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

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



Top 5 Holdings for HLAVIF as at 31 Oct 2022		%
1.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 1	13.3
2.	TNB POWER GENERATION SDN BHD 0	12.5
3.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 0	10.1
4.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 0	9.2
5.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 1	6.8
	Total Top 5	51.9

Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVIF	-1.62%	0.43%	-0.27%	6.55%	21.10%	55.93%	169.20%
Benchmark*	1.14%	0.21%	1.44%	5.39%	12.13%	30.87%	92.14%
Relative	-2.76%	0.22%	-1.70%	1.16%	8.97%	25.06%	77.06%

Notice: Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance.

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Market Review

UST rates continued its upwards march in October amid record high persistent and unabating inflationary pressures. While chatters of a pivot from the Fed have emerged as of late leading to some declines in yields during the month, overall movement was overwhelmingly driven by inflationary worries. The 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-years UST yields increased by 20, 14, 22 and 39 bps respectively m-o-m. The increase in yield came on the back higher than expected August CPI readings of 8.2% y-o-y against market forecast of 8.1%. Subsequent to this, the 10Y increased to 4.33%, a level which had not been reached in the last 15 years. The bond rout was also attributed to Fed officials which remained steadfast in their hawkish stance, anchored by labour market and consumer spending indicators which has yet to display any signs of palpable deterioration. To close out the month, the 2Y and 10Y settled at 4.48% and 4.05% respectively.

On the local front, relatively similar trends were observed in shorter tenure govvies yield as it continued to track the trend in the US. The yields on the 3-, 5-, 7-years tenors increased by 4, 13, 2bps respectively. Longer tenures such at the 10Y and 30Y note however decreased by 7bps and 2bps respectively, owing to less severe inflationary pressure than the US. Inflationary pressure remained above the 3% comfort level albeit slightly declining to 4.5% in September against 4.7% in the prior month. The recently announced budget which was relatively neutral, seemed to have had little impact on the bond market. The deficit forecast mirrors current levels, quelling concerns of the need of larger than expected debt issuances or negative rating actions from international credit rating agencies. The 10Y MGS settled at 4.35% at the end of September against 4.42% a month prior.In the corporate bond segment, some prominent new issuances during the month Amanat Lebuhraya Berhad (RM5.5 billion, AAA), Danainfra (RM2.0 billion, GG), Cagamas (RM1.4 billion, AAA) and UOB Malaysia Bhd (RM1.0 billion, AAA).

Outlook & Strategy

The UST is likely to be influenced over the near term by any indications of an impending dovish tilt by the Fed. Close attention will be directed to labour market indicators as the Fed has hinted to the market and reminded them of its dual mandate. We think a pivot is inevitable due to our opinion that the current aggressive tightening path will eventually lead to a recession. The question is rather about when will signs of weakness in the labour market and spending levels emerge and what would be a tolerable decline before the Fed begins to change direction. To that end, we will continue to vigilantly monitor relevant economic data to approximately gauge the pivot timeline.

Domestically, the MGS will likely track the movement of its US counterpart. We, alongside market participants, believe BNM still has room to increase rates further. The economy has been on a strong footing and all bets point to a shattering 3Q GDP number of close to 10% y-o-y growth. A wildcard in the current environment would be the recently announced election date could influence market sentiments and subsequently bond yields. We think possible outcomes of the election will do little to influence the bond market but we cannot rule out the possibility of improbable surprises and will continue to be cautious.

Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Ten (10) Calendar Years

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Benchmark	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%	3.0%	1.5%	1.7%
HLAVIF- Gross	10.0%	5.4%	5.8%	6.5%	6.9%	5.3%	5.6%	10.2%	9.0%	0.1%
HLAVIF - Net	8.7%	4.5%	4.8%	5.5%	5.8%	4.4%	4.6%	8.9%	7.8%	-0.4%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.
Those are the actual returns in the past ten (10) 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.
Notice: Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance.

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. **Credit Risk**
   This refers to the possibility that the issuer of a security will not be able to make timely payments of interest or principal repayment on the maturity date. The default may lead to a fall in the value of the funds.
4. **Interest Rate Risk**
   The level of interest rates has an impact on the value of investments. Any increase in rates will lead to a fall in the value of securities, thus affecting the value of the funds.
5. **Country Risk**
   The foreign investment of a fund may be affected by the political & economic conditions of the country which the investments are made.
6. **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.

Risk Management

The company has in place its Authorized Investment Framework which forms part of the Risk Management process. The authority framework covers the nature and scope of the investment authority that is exercisable by various parties in managing the Company's investments. The potential investment risks that are taken into consideration in managing the fund include economic conditions, liquidity, qualitative and quantitative aspects of the securities. The investment manager(s) have put in place the following controls to reduce the risks through:

a) having a flexible tactical asset allocation
b) investing in a wide range of companies across different sectors
c) setting prudent investment limits on various exposures
d) taking into account the liquidity factor in selecting securities
e) engaging in the hedging of foreign currency exposure where appropriate

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Basis of Unit Valuation

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.
3. 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.

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.

$$\frac{\text{Unit Price}_t - \text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}{\text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}$$

Others

HLA Venture Income 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.

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.