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# Monthly Fund Fact Sheet — September 2021





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### HLA Venture Growth Fund (HLAVGF)

#### September 2021

#### Fund Features

#### 1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve higher returns than the general stock market by investing into growth stocks which potentially generate more superior returns.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund focuses on growth stocks listed in Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges that provide potentially higher capital gains.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund may invest up to 95% of its NAV in equities.

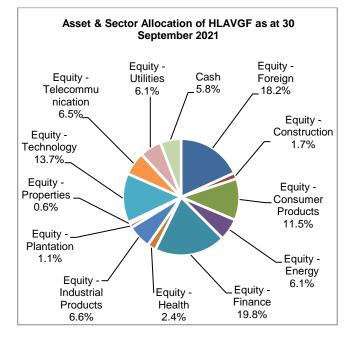
#### 4. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors with moderate to high-risk appetite with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

Fund Details	
Unit Price (30/9/2021)	:RM2.3972
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	:RM411.1 mil
Fund Management Fee (effective as at 01/08/2018)	: 1.39% p.a. (capped at 1.50%)
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Equity
Fund Inception	:19 Jan 2000
Benchmark	:FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FBM KLCI)

#### Frequency of Unit Valuation :Daily

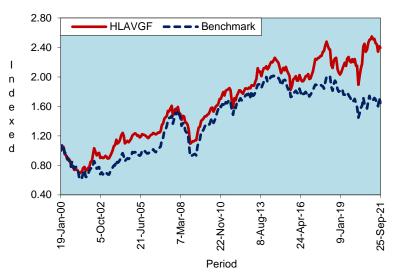
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#### Top 5 Holdings for HLAVGF as at 30 Sept 2021 %

1.	CIMB	7.8
2.	MAYBANK	6.8
3.	INARI	5.9
4.	TENCENT	5.5
5.	TENAGA	5.3
	Total Top 5	31.4

#### Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception		
HLAVGF	-4.23%	-0.82%	2.37%	6.05%	19.09%	51.44%	139.72%		
Benchmark*	-5.49%	-3.97%	2.19%	-14.24%	-6.94%	10.86%	64.76%		
Relative	1.26%	3.16%	0.18%	20.29%	26.03%	40.58%	74.96%		
*Source: Bloomberg									

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

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	0.8%	10.3%	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%	-5.9%	-6.0%	2.4%
HLAVGF- Gross	0.5%	10.7%	16.3%	-3.2%	-0.6%	-0.1%	26.0%	-16.1%	12.8%	14.2%
HLAVGF - Net	-0.9%	8.5%	13.6%	-4.4%	-1.9%	-1.5%	22.5%	-16.2%	10.3%	11.7%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

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### HLA Venture Growth Fund (HLAVGF)

#### **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

#### **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

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### HLA Venture Blue Chip Fund (HLAVBCF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve returns comparable to the general stock market by taking average risks, with focus on well-capitalised and financially sound "blue chip" stocks to achieve a balance of capital gains and dividend income.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund provides participation in the stock market without taking excessive risk by focusing on fundamentally strong "blue chip" stocks listed in Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges. This fund is suitable for investors with moderate risk tolerance and expects returns that are comparable to the market as represented by the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBM KLCI).

#### 3. Asset Allocation

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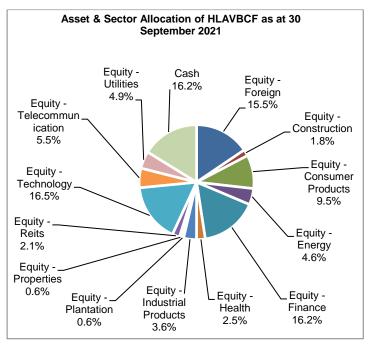
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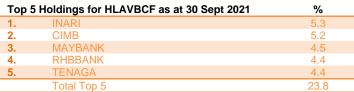
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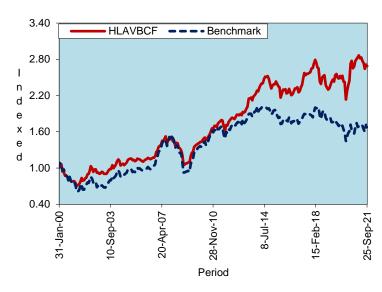
Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM2.6882
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM480.53 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 1.43% p.a. (capped at 1.50%)
(effective as at 01/05/2018)	
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	: 19 Jan 2000
Benchmark	: FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI
	Index (FBM KLCI)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

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#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month 1 year		3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception	
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Benchmark*	-5.49%	-3.97%	2.19%	-14.24%	-6.94%	10.86%	64.76%	
Relative	1.35%	3.05%	-0.80%	20.18%	22.95%	54.91%	104.06%	
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Source: Bloomberg



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HLAVBF- Gross	5.4%	11.9%	21.4%	3.2%	1.1%	-0.1%	23.6%	-15.7%	12.5%	13.4%
HLAVBF - Net	3.6%	9.6%	18.3%	1.5%	-0.4%	-1.6%	20.3%	-15.9%	10.1%	10.9%

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### HLA Venture Dana Putra (HLAVDP)

#### September 2021

#### Fund Features

#### 1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund invests in Syariah-approved securities and money market instruments.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund will invest up to 90% but not less than 40% of its NAV in equities.

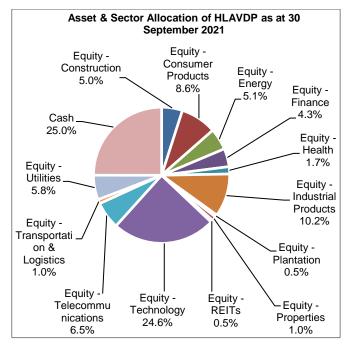
#### 4. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors who are willing to take moderate risk.

#### **Fund Details**

Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM3.0145						
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM144.5 mil						
Fund Management Fee (effective as at 01/01/2019)	: 1.34% p.a. (capped at 1.40%)						
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad						
Fund Category	: Equity						
Fund Inception	: 19 Jul 2000						
Benchmark	: FBM EmasShariah Index (KL Shariah Index)						
Frequency of Unit	: Daily						

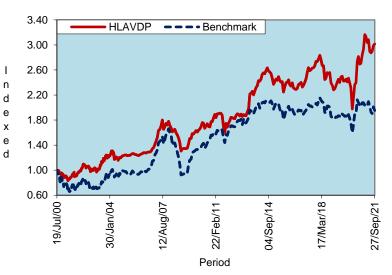
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Top $\sharp$	5 Holdings for HLAVDP as at 30 Sept 2021	%
1.	INARI	5.3
2.	UWC	4.5
3.	MYEG	3.8
4.	MRDIY	3.8
5.	TENAGA	3.7
	Total Top 5	21.1

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#### **Historical Performance**



Since YTD 1 month 1 year 3 years 5 years 10 years Inception HLAVDP 2.65% 0.85% 11.95% 17.72% 26.54% 87.82% 201.45% Benchmark\* -6.08% -3.07% -4.20% -2.52% 0.09% 35.42% 95.16% 16.16% Relative 8.73% 3.92% 20.24% 26.45% 52.40% 106.29% Source: Bloomberg



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Benchmark	2.4%	11.9%	13.3%	-4.2%	2.4%	-6.1%	10.7%	-13.5%	3.9%	10.1%
HLAVDP- Gross	-3.1%	10.0%	32.6%	-1.1%	4.9%	-2.4%	20.8%	-17.8%	10.5%	22.0%
HLAVDP - Net	-4.5%	7.8%	28.6%	-2.4%	3.1%	-3.6%	17.7%	-17.7%	8.3%	18.9%

#### 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 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. 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.

#### **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



### HLA Venture Dana Putra (HLAVDP)

#### **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.
- 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

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## **BengLeong** Assurance

### HLA Venture Flexi Fund (HLAVFF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to provide investors the opportunity to enjoy medium to long-term capital appreciation from the prevailing sectorial and investment themes in Malaysian equities market.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The fund would be actively managed, rotating between sectors deemed to benefit the most at any given point in time, and would comprise several Core Sectors and Trading / Rotational Sectors which would vary depending on prevailing market conditions. The strategy will be to identify the themes in its early phase to capitalize on its growth. This fund is suitable for aggressive investors who are willing to take higher risk and wish to seek higher returns from a diversified portfolio with thematic investment opportunities.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund will invest a minimum of 30% and up to 95% of its NAV in equities.

#### 4. Target Market

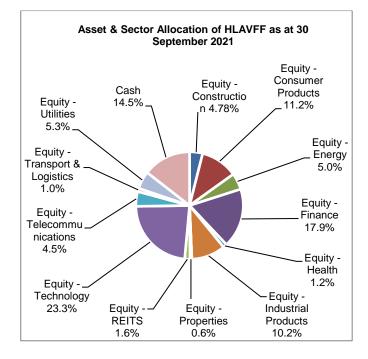
This fund is suitable for aggressive investors who are willing to take higher risk and wish to seek higher returns from a diversified portfolio with thematic investment opportunities.

#### Fund Details

Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM1.1175				
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM146.1 mil				
Fund Management Fee (effective as at 01/01/2019)	: 1.31% p.a. (capped at 1.48%)				
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad				
Fund Category	: Equity				
Fund Inception	: 06 April 2009				
Benchmark	: FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FBM KLCI)				
Enclosed of Unit Valuation	- Della				

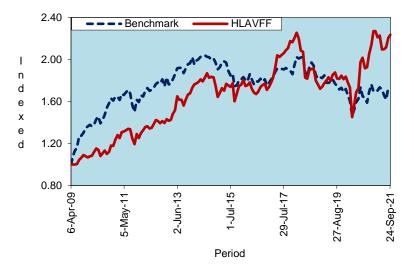
Frequency of Unit Valuation : Daily

The Company reserves the right to change the cap of Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice. The Fund Management Fee will be reviewed monthly and will be revised if the previous month end actual asset allocation deviates by more than ten percent (10%) of the initial asset allocation.



Top 5 l	%	
1.	CIMB	5.3
2.	MAYBANK	5.2
3.	INARI	4.9
4.	UWC	4.5
5.	MRDIY	3.7
	Total Top 5	23.5

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVFF	4.55%	1.31%	16.64%	16.65%	27.29% 8	7.28%	123.50%
Benchmark*	-5.49%	-3.97%	2.19%	-14.24%	-6.94% 1	0.86%	66.47%
Relative	10.04%	5.28%	14.45%	30.89%	34.24% 7	6.42%	57.03%
*Course: Bloom	borg						



### HLA Venture Flexi Fund (HLAVFF)

#### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy

In August, Asia continued to underperform the developed markets in the US and Europe. The selloff in Chinese stocks continued to deepen with the MSCI China dipping by >7% in mid-August. This was following the Chinese government's new economic agenda to focus on strengthening its regulatory grip over key sectors such as technology and healthcare. President Xi Jinping's rhetoric about "common prosperity" further reinforced the Communist Party's commitment to close the widening wealth gap among the population which soured market sentiment further. Globally, while key economic indicators are still holding, there are now downside risks with the recent surge in the Delta variant. The recent full FDA approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine raised hopes of the pace of vaccination being increased further. Fed Chair Powell's recent Jackson Hole speech also did not deliver any taper surprises where he acknowledged that tapering conditions (including progress toward full employment) could be met by the end of this year and the pace of any tapering is likely to be slow. He also indicated that if the Fed were to reduce asset purchases, it would not necessarily signal short-term interest rate hikes were in the pipeline.

On the domestic front, August was another eventful month. We saw the resignation of Tan Sri Mahiaddin Yassin and the appointment of Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri as the 9<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia after securing 114 Parliamentary seats with a leaner new cabinet. These developments have alleviated some of the political uncertainties in the near term. The pace of vaccination continued to see positive trajectory with close to 50% of the total population having been fully vaccinated. This brings Malaysia closer to achieving its 80% nationwide herd immunity target by early December. The Health Ministry also announced that Covid-19 will be treated as an endemic and that the country will move away from the current total containment measures, paving the way for more economic sectors to be reopened. BNM has revised their 2021 GDP forecast from 6.5-7.5% to 3-4% after taking into account the earlier restrictions.

The average daily trading volumes and values continued to fall mom to their lowest levels since Apr 2020. Average daily trading volumes fell 17% mom to 4.2b units while average daily trading values fell 11% mom to RM2.7b in Aug. Foreign investors turned net buyers of RM1b of Malaysian equities in Aug 2021 after close to 24 consecutive months of net selling. Local institutional investors, on the other hand, were the largest net sellers in August to the tune of RM1.5b. The best performing sectors in August were the plantation and transport sectors, while the worst performing sectors were the healthcare and REITs. For the month, FBMKLCI outperformed the broader market with a gain of 7.1% mom to 1,601.38pts. The FBM Shariah was up by 5.8% mom, FBMSC appreciated by 3.4% mom and FBM Emas increased by 6% mom.

On the regional front, market participants will be monitoring the spread of the Delta variant and the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination and distribution programmes. Investors will also continue to follow closely the progress of re-opening in the US and Europe as well as the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee meetings on 21-22 Sep. Domestically, key events taking place include the Monetary Policy Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September (market participants are not expecting any changes to the Overnight Policy Rate), vote of confidence for the Prime Minister when Parliament reconvenes on 13<sup>th</sup> September and the tabling of the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. We maintain our barbell strategy by investing in both the value and growth sectors, with focus still on the recovery/reopening theme, reflation beneficiaries and 5G/ technology names.

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

Year	<b>2011</b>	2012	2013	2014	2015	<b>2016</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	0.8%	10.3%	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%	-5.9%	-6.0%	2.4%
HLAVFF- Gross	7.0%	12.7%	24.1%	-3.9%	12.2%	-2.4%	30.6%	-22.2%	8.8%	19.4%
HLAVFF - Net	5.1%	10.2%	20.8%	-5.0%	9.8%	-3.7%	26.7%	-21.9%	6.7%	16.4%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

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The fund was only launched on 6 April 2009. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 6 April 2009 to 31 December 2009.

#### Investment Risks

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#### 5. Country Risk

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### 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.



### HLA Venture Flexi Fund (HLAVFF)

#### **Risk Management**

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- e) engaging in the hedging of foreign currency exposure where appropriate

#### **Basis of Unit Valuation**

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  - 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**

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#### **Basis of Calculation of Past Performance**

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#### Others

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### HLA Value Fund (HLAVF)

September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve large capital gains by investing in companies that are well-managed and financially stable which are undervalued or at deep discount to their net tangible asset values.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The strategy is to provide investors an access into a diversified portfolio of value stocks listed on Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges that offer potential capital appreciation. The fund may feed into collective investment schemes that meet the fund's objective. At inception, the fund will invest by feeding into Hong Leong Value Fund, formerly known as Hong Leong Penny Stock Fund ('Target Fund') with the option to increase the number of funds or replace the Target Fund in future. The Target Fund will invest with a value investment strategy across equity securities of all market capitalization level of companies operating in Malaysia. Generally, companies that have valuations at a discount to the market and/or its sector peers are selected. Additionally, the Target Fund may also invest in stocks with market capitalization of up to RM1 billion that are not well covered by equity research houses and stockbrokers.

#### 3. Plough Back Mechanism

In the event that the net fund performance is below 5% per annum based on the performance assessment on the last business day of September of each year, an amount equivalent to 0.5% per annum of the fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) will be ploughed back to the fund in four equal weekly payments. The first payment will be due on the first business day of October of each year.

#### 4. Asset Allocation

The indicative asset allocation for Target Fund is to invest a minimum of 70% of its NAV in equities and maximum 30% of its NAV in fixed income securities. Generally, HLA Value Fund may invest up to 95% of its NAV in equities.

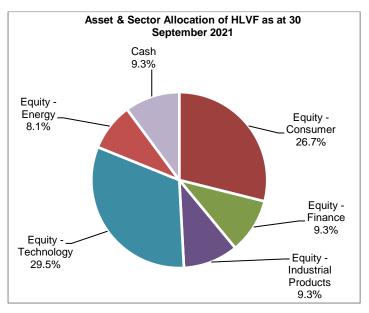
#### 5. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors who have a higher than average risk tolerance level, medium-term investment horizon, and are able to accept the anticipated higher volatility of the fund.

#### Fund Details

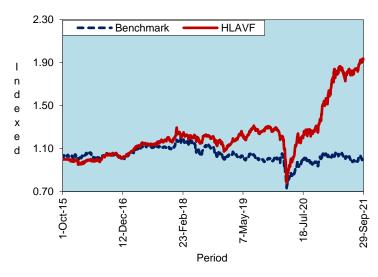
Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM1.9327
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM245.4 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 1.45% p.a.
(effective as at 01/10/2015)	
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	: 01 October 2015
Benchmark	: FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

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.



Top 5	Holdings for HLVF as at 30 September 2021	%
1.	D&O Green Technologies Berhad	10.4
2.	Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	9.3
3.	IHH Healthcare Berhad	7.7
4.	Inari Amertron Berhad	7.1
5.	Genting Berhad	7.0
	Total Top 5	41.5

#### Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
HLVF	23.72%	2.45%	53.90%	59.16%	83.87%	93.27%
Benchmark*	-3.83%	-2.72%	4.43%	-9.75%	-3.22%	0.34%
Relative	27.55%	5.17%	49.47%	68.91%	87.10%	92.93%
*Source: Bloomber						



### HLA Value Fund (HLAVF)

#### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy

During the month, the FTSE BM KLCI declined 4.0% to close at 1,538 points. The broader market outperformed as the FTSE BM EMAS Index declined 2.7% to close at 11,311 points. Small caps outperformed as the FTSE BM Small Cap Index rose 0.8% to close at 16,079 points.

Market sentiment was hurt by the China Evergrande debt crisis, global gas crisis and widespread power shortage in China.

On the corporate front, Sunway Berhad, through its joint venture with Hoi Hup Realty Private Limited, has won the bid for the en-bloc acquisition of Flynn Park, a condominium project in Singapore. MyEG Services Berhad entered into a partnership with China's Bubi Technologies Company Limited to build supernodes around the world based on blockchain system.

The Fund will continue to identify companies that are potential winners in growing industries helmed by capable management.

#### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Six (6) Calendar Years

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	4.6%	-2.8%	12.9%	-11.1%	-1.6%	3.9%
HLVF- Gross	-0.1%	4.7%	22.2%	-9.3%	20.0%	25.3%
HLVF - Net	-0.4%	2.8%	19.0%	-10.0%	17.0%	21.8%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

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The fund was only launched on 1 October 2015. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015.

#### **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. 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. 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.

If the fund invests in Foreign Asset, the fund will be exposed to the following risks:

#### 6. Country Risk

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

#### 7. 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:

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- 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



### HLA Value Fund (HLAVF)

#### **Basis of Unit Valuation**

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- 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**

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#### Target Fund Details

Hong Leong Value Fund, formerly known as Hong Leong Penny Stock Fund is an Equity fund managed by Hong Leong Asset Management. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

Year	2011	<b>2012</b>	2013	2014	2015	<b>2016</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020
Performance	1.7%	8.1%	19.6%	1.1%	18.8%	3.1%	21.7%	-12.2%	16.6%	21.8%

Source: Hong Leong Asset Management

Note: With effect from 27 March 2020, Hong Leong Penny Stock Fund has been renamed to Hong Leong Value Fund.

#### **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 Value Fund is managed by 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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### HLA Dividend Growth Fund (HLDGF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

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

The objective of the fund is to provide investors with return that is potentially higher than prevailing fixed deposit rates. At the same time, the fund also attempts to attain Medium-to-Long term capital appreciation.

#### **Investment Strategy & Approach**

HLDGF will principally feed into third party collective investment schemes that meet the fund's objective. HLDGF may also invest directly in a diversified portfolio of domestic and/or foreign assets including equities, equity-related securities, deposits or any other financial instruments that offer potential capital appreciation.

At inception, the fund will invest by feeding into Hong Leong Dividend Fund ("Target Fund"), with the option to increase the number of funds or replace the Target Fund in future. The Target Fund will invest primarily in equity securities of growth companies operating in Malaysia. Generally, companies which have good dividend payout policies and reasonable Medium-to-Long term capital appreciation opportunities will be selected. At the same time, the Target Fund will invest in fixed income securities with good credit quality yield enhancement opportunities.

#### Asset Allocation 3.

The indicative asset allocation for Target Fund is to invest a minimum of 70% of its NAV in equities and maximum 30% of its NAV in fixed income securities.

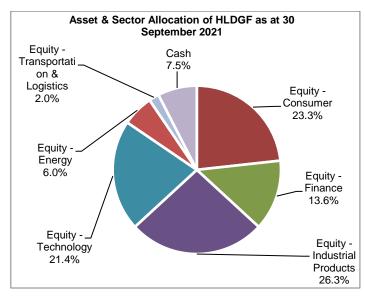
#### **Target Market** 4

This fund is suitable for investors looking for investments with potential for Medium-to-Long Term capital appreciation through primarily investing in dividend stocks which have or can potentially have attractive dividend vields

Fund Details	
Unit Price 30/9/21	: RM 1.0630
Fund Size 30/9/21	: RM 4.6 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 1.45% p.a.
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	: 2 July 2021
Benchmark	: 70% FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FMB KLCI) & 30% 12- month KLIBOR
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

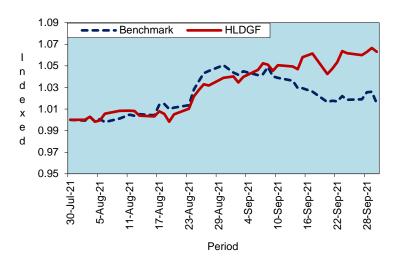
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Top 5	Holdings for HLDGF as at 30/9/2021	%
1.	D&O Green Technologies Berhad	9.4
2.	Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	9.2
3.	Inari Amertron Berhad	5.1
4.	CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	5.0
5.	Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad	4.8
	Total Top 5	33.4

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
HLDGF	-	2.32%	-	-	-	6.30%
Benchmark*	-	-3.38%	-	-	-	1.51%
Relative	-	5.70%	-	-	-	4.79%
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#### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy

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### HLA Dividend Growth Fund (HLDGF)

#### 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

Defined as the ease with which a security can be sold at or near its fair value. This risk occurs in thinly traded or illiquid securities. Should the fund need to sell a relatively large amount of such securities, such action itself may significantly depress the selling price.

#### 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. Concentration Risk

Concentration risk occurs when a portfolio is overweight on a particular security, sector or asset class. A feeder fund invests mainly into another collective investment scheme (CIS). The fund's risk is increased as any adverse effect on the CIS will inevitably affect the fund. However, by virtue of the CIS investing in a diversified portfolio of equities as well as dynamic asset allocation strategy between equities and cash, the concentration risk is mitigated. The value of the fund is therefore dependent solely on the performance of the CIS's portfolio of investments

If the fund invests in Foreign Assets, it will be exposed to the following risks:

#### 6. Country Risk

The foreign investments made by the fund are subjected to risks specific to the country in which it invests. Such risks include changes in a country's economic fundamentals, social and political stability, currency movements, foreign investment policies and etc. The risk may be mitigated by closely monitoring the developments in the countries in order to identify any changes that potentially occur immediately.

#### 7. Currency Risk

This risk applies to foreign investment, in which the investment may rise or fall due to fluctuation in the foreign currencies. Adverse movements in currencies exchange rates can result in a loss to the investment. To mitigate the risk, the fund should limit its investments in the number of countries so that specific country risk is minimised.

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **Target Fund Details**

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Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	<b>2015</b>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Performance	3.66%	13.06%	9.17%	-0.13%	9.54%	7.27%	23.51%	-6.24%	13.63%	27.08%			
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Source: Hong Leong Asset Management



### HLA Dividend Growth Fund (HLDGF)

**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.

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#### Others

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## **HongLeong** Assurance

### Hong Leong SMART Invest Fund (HLSIF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The primary objective of the fund is to achieve large capital gains by investing in companies that are well-managed and financially stable which are undervalued or at deep discount to their net tangible asset values.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The strategy is to provide investors an access into a diversified portfolio of value stocks listed on Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges that offer potential capital appreciation. The fund will principally feed into collective investment schemes that meet the fund's objective. At inception, the fund will invest by feeding into Hong Leong Value Fund, formerly known as Hong Leong Penny Stock Fund ('Target Fund') with the option to increase the number of funds or replace the Target Fund in future. The Target Fund will invest with a value investment strategy across equity securities of all market capitalization level of companies operating in Malaysia. Generally, companies that have valuations at a discount to the market and/or its sector peers are selected. Additionally, the Target Fund may also invest in stocks with market capitalization of up to RM1 billion that are not well covered by equity research houses and stockbrokers.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

The indicative asset allocation for Target Fund is to invest a minimum of 70% of its NAV in equities and maximum 30% of its NAV in fixed income securities. Generally, Hong Leong SMART Invest Fund may invest up to 95% of its NAV in equities.

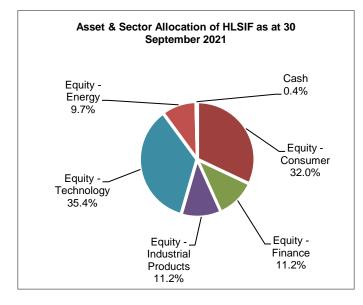
#### 4. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors who have a higher than average risk tolerance level, medium-term investment horizon, and are able to accept the anticipated higher volatility of the fund.

#### **Fund Details**

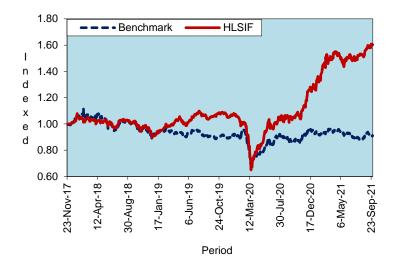
Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM1.6037
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM691.8 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 1.50% p.a.
(effective as at 23/11/2017)	
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	: 23 November 2017
Benchmark	: FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS
<b>Frequency of Unit Valuation</b>	: Daily
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Top 5	Holdings for HLSIF as at 30 Sept 2021	%
1.	D&O Green Technologies Berhad	10.4
2.	Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	9.3
3.	IHH Heathcare Berhad	7.7
4.	Inari Amertron Berhad	7.0
5.	Genting Berhad	7.0
	Total Top 5	41.5

#### Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	Since Inception
HLSIF	23.62%	2.43%	8.28%	53.20%	51.56%	60.37%
Benchmark*	-3.83%	-2.72%	1.39%	4.43%	0.96%	-9.02%
Relative	27.45%	5.16%	6.89%	48.77%	50.61%	69.39%
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#### Source: Bloomberg

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### Hong Leong SMART Invest Fund (HLSIF)

Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Four (4) Calendar Years

Year	2017	<b>2018</b>	2019	2020
Benchmark	12.9%	-11.1%	-1.57%	3.9%
HLSIF- Gross	2.5%	-9.4%	19.4%	25.0%
HLSIF - Net	2.2%	-10.2%	16.4%	21.5%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past four (4) 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.

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### Hong Leong SMART Invest Fund (HLSIF)

#### Exceptional Circumstances

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#### **Target Fund Details**

Hong Leong Value Fund, formerly known as Hong Leong Penny Stock Fund is an Equity fund managed by Hong Leong Asset Management. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Performance	1.7%	8.1%	19.6%	1.1%	18.8%	3.1%	21.7%	-12.2%	16.6%	21.8%			
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Note: With effect from 27 March 2020, Hong Leong Penny Stock Fund has been renamed to Hong Leong Value Fund.

#### **Basis of Calculation of Past Performance**

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#### Others

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### Hong Leong SMART Growth Fund (HLSGF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The primary objective of the fund is to provide investors with steady longterm capital growth at moderate risk.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The strategy is to provide investors an access into a diversified portfolio of growth stocks listed on Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges that offer potential capital appreciation at moderate risk. The fund may feed into collective investment schemes that meet the fund's objective. At inception, HLSGF will invest by feeding into Kenanga Growth Fund ("Target Fund") with the option to increase the number of funds or replace the Target Fund in future. The Target Fund's assets are actively invested in a diversified portfolio of Malaysian equity and equity-related securities, such as warrants and convertible loan stocks which are capable of being converted into new shares. The Target Fund may invest up to 25% of the Fund's NAV in foreign markets, which may include but not limited to Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, India, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Australia, United States of America and any other Eligible Markets where the regulatory authority is an ordinary or associate member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. The Target Fund does not have an active asset allocation strategy but seeks to manage portfolios by investing in companies that satisfy the criteria of having a sustainable and credible business model, and are also trading at a discount to their intrinsic value. However, under conditions of extreme market volatility and/or when the market is trading at valuations deemed unsustainable, the Fund will seek to judiciously scale back its equity exposure.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

Under normal market conditions, the Target Fund's equity exposure is expected to range from 75% to 95% of the Target Fund's NAV with the balance in money market instruments, fixed deposits and/or cash.

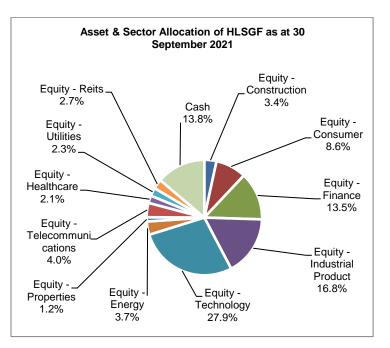
#### 4. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors who have long term investment time horizon and have a moderate risk profile with tolerance for short-term periods of volatility.

#### **Fund Details**

Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM2.3036
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM235.8 mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.50% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	:01 Oct 2012
Benchmark	:FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index
	(FBM KLCI)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

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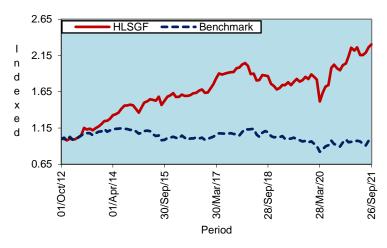


### Top 5 Holdings for HLSGF as at 30 Sept 2021 1. GREATECH TECHNOLOGY BHD 2 SPENTKEN CORPORATION REPLICE

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2.	FRONTKEN CORPORATION BERHAD	8.7
3.	REVENUE GROUP BHD	3.4
4.	HONG LEONG FINANCIAL GROUP BHD	3.3
5.	SUNWAY BERHAD	3.0
	Total Top 5	27.3

%

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLSGF	12.94%	1.80%	16.75%	23.60%	38.20%	130.36%
Benchmark*	-5.49%	-3.97%	2.19%	-14.24%	-6.94%	-6.42%
Relative	18.43%	5.77%	14.56%	37.84%	45.15%	136.78%
*Source: Bloomb	era					



### Hong Leong SMART Growth Fund (HLSGF)

Market Review, Outlook & Strategy relevant to Target Fund

Most global equity markets fell in September with US and Europe ending their winning streaks. Investors' sentiment was spooked by concern over persistent high inflation, slower economic growth, upcoming tapering by the Federal Reserve (Fed), compounded by worries on global supply chain problems and contagion impact from debt-laden property developer China Evergrande Group. US inflation as measured by the CPI remained elevated at 5.3% year-on-year (YoY) in August. The central bank leaders acknowledged inflation could remain high well into 2022 due to ongoing shortages of crucial business supplies and even labour. At the September FOMC meeting, the Federal Reserve kept interest rates at 0-0.25% but indicated rate hikes could be coming sooner than expected. The Federal Reserve Chairman then signaled the central bank could begin scaling back asset purchases as soon as the next FOMC meeting in November if the economy progresses as expected. The interest rate hike would likely not commence until after the taper process is complete, which could happen by middle of 2022. US President Joe Biden signed legislation to avoid a partial federal shutdown and keep the government funded through 3 December. Bankruptcy fears for China Evergrande Group, a Chinese real estate giant and the world's most indebted property developer led to worry over similar contagion to global economy during 2008 housing crisis. China Evergrande owes approximately USD300 billion, roughly 6% of China's total debt for property sector to creditors, investors and other stakeholders. Given its size, the company's troubles could have domino effect on the Chinese economy and by extension the global economy. Similar to US Federal Reserve hawkish shift, the Bank of England (BoE) also indicated it could increase interest rates before the end of the year. The European Central Bank (ECB) kept its monetary policy unchanged in September but announced it will moderately reduce its asset purchase rate during the last quarter of the year. However, ECB will keep buying bonds through March 2022 at least, and possibly much longer.

On the virus front, new Covid cases are dropping significantly across US states since mid-September attributed to increased immunity in the US population due to vaccination, as well as behavioural changes where people are once again wearing masks and avoiding travel or large gatherings. Vaccination rate in most developed countries are above 60% while 45% of the world population has received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine.

Domestically, Bank Negara Malaysia maintained the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 1.75%, marking the seventh consecutive meeting in which the key policy rate has been maintained. On political development, the government and Pakatan Harapan leaders signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on bipartisan cooperation. Government announced the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP), a roadmap for the country's development from 2021 to 2025 and set a target annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth of between 4.5% and 5.5% for the five-year period. The World Bank has lowered its economic growth projection for Malaysia to 3.3% in 2021 from an earlier estimate of 4.5% in June and this is the bank's second revision. However, it has also raised its 2022 projection for the country, with a GDP growth forecast of 5.8%, up from 4.2% previously. With regards to Covid-19, Malaysia's daily new cases fell to 12,735 as at 30 September from 20,087 as at 31 August. As of end September, 62% of Malaysia population or 86% of adult population have been fully vaccinated. The Prime Minister announced that the Klang Valley and Melaka will move to Phase 3 of the National Recovery Plan from 1 October, while Kedah will shift to Phase 2. Following this, Kedah, Penang, Perak, Kelantan, Johor and Sabah will be in Phase 2, and Labuan and Negeri Sembilan in Phase 4. The rest of the country will be in Phase 3.

On the commodities front, Brent crude prices rose 7.6% to USD\$78.5/barrel on fears of supply disruptions due to hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico as well as decline in US inventories. Meanwhile, CPO prices increased by 8.1% to RM4,595/ton on supply concern.

The KLCI fell 4.0% in September to close at 1,537 points driven by sell-down in the glove stocks, concerns over potential capital gains tax and plans to waive three months of interest for low-income borrowers, as well as spill-over from regional market weakness. Foreign investors continued to be net buyers for two consecutive months albeit at slower pace with net inflow of RM0.7 billion in September, from RM1.1 billion in August. This reduced YTD net foreign outflow to RM3.8 billion.

Global equities are expected to be volatile in the near term on concern of rising inflation, sooner than expected monetary tightening in the US, and fallout of China's Evergrande. While global growth was forecasted to remain robust in 4Q as the Covid-19 Delta wave recedes, spiking energy prices and supply shortages could disrupt this outlook.

Domestically, economy recovery will be supported by the acceleration of Covid-19 vaccination, further relaxation in movement controls and continued strength in external demand. Equity market could be further supported by reopening of economies, attractive equity market valuation against regional peers and continuous foreign inflow. Investors will focus on Budget 2021 on 29 October 2021 and upcoming Parliament sittings (25 October to 16 December 2021).

We maintain a barbell investment strategy, focusing more on recovery/re-opening and structural growth themes. For recovery themes, we focus on cyclical sectors such as consumer discretionary (retail and leisure), industrials and materials. For structural growth themes, we prefer sectors such as technology, electronics manufacturing services (EMS) and renewable energy. We remain buyers on market weakness.

Actual Annual Inves	ual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Nine (9) Calendar Years												
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Benchmark	2.8%	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%	-5.9%	-6.0%	2.4%				
HLSGF- Gross	3.3%	27.8%	11.8%	23.1%	2.3%	27.1%	-16.8%	15.0%	10.3%				
HLSGF - Net	1.6%	24.1%	9.3%	19.8%	0.6%	23.5%	-17.0%	12.3%	8.0%				

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

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### Hong Leong SMART Growth Fund (HLSGF)

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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.

#### 8. Warrant and Convertible Loan Stock Risk

The price of the warrant and convertible loan stock are typically linked to the underlying stock. However, it generally fluctuates more that the underlying stocks due to the greater volatility of the warrants market. The fluctuation may have a great impact on the value of the funds. Generally, as the warrants have a limited life, they will depreciate in value as they approach their maturity date, assuming that all other factors remain unchanged. Warrants that are not exercised at maturity become worthless and negatively affect the NAV of the Fund. Convertible loan stocks must be converted to the underlying stock at a predetermined conversion ratio and conversion rate, and in the event the total costs of converting into underlying stock is higher than the market price of that the underlying stock, it will negatively affect the NAV of the Fund.

#### **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

#### **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.

- 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.

#### **Target Fund Details**

Kenanga Growth Fund is an Equity fund managed by Kenanga Investors Berhad. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Performance	19.1%	14.1%	26.4%	9.3%	20.9%	-0.1%	25.8%	-18.1%	13.5%	8.9%

#### **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

Hong Leong Smart Growth 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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### HLA Venture Global Fund (HLAVGLF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is provide investors with steady growth and consistency in income return over a medium to long term investment horizons by investing into global equities.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund will initially invest in, but not limited to Hong Leong Asia-Pacific Dividend Fund and Hong Leong Strategic Fund that uses equity, fixed income and money market instruments as their underlying assets. This fund will seek to diversify its investment geographically and by asset classes i.e. global equity of companies involved in the extraction, processing, transportation and distribution of natural resources, high dividend yield equities in Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan), global equities and/or local equities.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund will invest up to 95% of its NAV into selected unit trust funds.

#### 4. Target Market

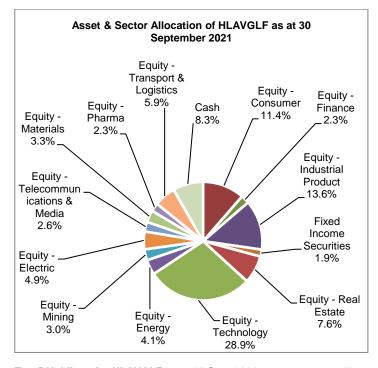
This fund is suitable for investors with moderate to high-risk appetite with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

#### **Fund Details**

Unit Price (30/9/2021)	:RM1.8376
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	:RM41.2 mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.29% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Equity
Fund Inception	: 02 April 2007
Benchmark	:MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan + MSCI ACWI Index + RAM Quantshop MGS ALL
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

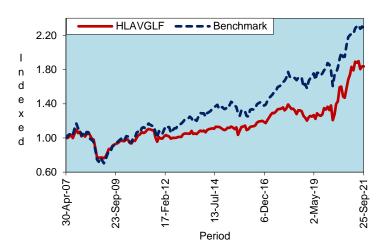
Fund management charge of underlying Collective Investment Scheme(s) is part of Fund Management Fee as stated in table above. There are no additional charges being charged to the Policy Owner. The Company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice.

Asset Allocation for HLAVGLF as at 30 Sept 2021	%
Hong Leong Asia-Pacific Dividend Fund	67.24
Hong Leong Strategic Fund	32.42
Cash	0.34
Total	100.0



<u>Тор 5 Но</u>	Idings for HLAVGLF as at 30 Sept 2021	%
1.	D&O Green Technologies Berhad	4.8
2.	China Longyuan Power Group Corporation Limited	4.5
3.	Inari Amertron Berhad	4.1
4.	L'O ccitane International S.A	3.9
5.	Genetec Technology Berhad	3.8
	Total Top 5	20.6

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVGLF	9.07%	-0.04%	23.79%	39.94%	53.71%	92.26%	83.76%
Benchmark*	3.07%	-2.44%	15.35%	31.96%	58.35%	123.81%	124.85%
Relative	6.00%	2.41%	8.43%	7.98%	-4.64%	-31.55%	-41.09%
*Source: Bloomb	era. RAM	Quantshop					



### HLA Venture Global Fund (HLAVGLF)

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

#### Equity Review

Global – US market succumbed to selling pressure as investors are increasingly concerned that the global economic growth may start losing momentum due to rapidly rising energy prices and severe supply-chain constraints. Bottlenecks, hiring difficulties and operational disruptions continue to hamper the reopening of the global economy. The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index declined 4.3% and the broader S&P 500 Index declined 4.8%. The Euro Stoxx Index declined 3.5% and the FTSE 100 Index declined 0.5%

Asia Pacific – Regional markets declined during the month as regulatory noises continue to surface from China. It seems that the increased regulatory supervision appears to have shifted to more sectors. Market sentiment was also affected by investor's concern about possible contagion effects emerging from the China Evergrande's financial difficulties. In the region, India and Indonesia markets were the leaders while Hong Kong and Korea markets were the laggards.

**Malaysia** – The local market saw some profit taking following its outperformance in the previous month. Apart from the multitude of negative global developments, local market sentiment was also affected by the potential implementation of capital gains tax. The FTSE BM KLCI declined 4.0% to close at 1,538 points. The broader market outperformed as the FTSE BM EMAS Index declined 2.7% to close at 11,311 points. Small caps outperformed as the FTSE BM Small Cap rose 0.8% to close at 16,079 points.

#### Outlook & Strategy

**Global** - In the US, the Fed announced that it will begin its tapering process soon and expect that its asset purchases to end by around the middle of 2022. The hawkish tone is echoed in the Europe region. The Bank of England suggested that it may raise interest rates before the end of the year while the European Central Bank also announced plans to trim its asset purchases.

Asia Pacific - There are signs that the worst of the latest COVID-19 wave is over in the region. COVID-19 hospitalisations and cases appear to have peaked in many countries. In China, there are signs that the power shortage situation affecting the factories have started to spill over to residential areas.

Malaysia – The outlook remains encouraging for local equities and more parts of the economy have reopened while the number of COVID-19 cases has declined substantially. We prefer to be invested in selected export stocks and selected domestic-centric stocks that may benefit from the local economic recovery.

#### Fixed Income Review and Outlook

US treasuries weakened during month as investors positioned ahead of a potential asset taper announcement at the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. The Federal Reserve (Fed) signalled that the US economy was ready for an asset purchase taper and had marginally brought forward rate hike guidance. Local sovereign yields trended higher following the movement of the US Treasuries. Prime Minister Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri tabled the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) in Parliament at the end of the month. Key focus of the plan include increasing gross domestic product (GDP) growth from 4.5% to 5.5% per annum, increasing labour productivity from 1.1% to 3.6% per annum, and increasing the gross national income per capita from RM42,503 to RM57,882. The 10-year Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) re-opening auction drew a decent 1.6 times bid-to-cover on a RM4 billion issue size as market was generally cautious in light of the additional RM45 billion COVID-19 fund announcement. Noteworthy corporate issuances were Cagamas Berhad which raised a total of RM51, billion from 1-3 year bonds and government guaranteed issuance from Perbadanan PR1MA Malaysia which issued RM500 million 5-year notes at 3.05%.

As the ratio of the vaccinated adult population increases, more easing of restrictions could be expected as soon November. Headline inflation eased further to a 5-month low of 2% year on year in August (July:+2.2%). Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) stressed that its latest GDP and inflation outlook downgrade has been factored into the Monetary Policy Committee's decision to keep existing monetary policy accommodative. We believe BNM will continue to maintain its accommodative monetary stance unchanged till early 2022. On portfolio positioning, we are maintaining a defensive portfolio duration strategy ahead of the asset purchase taper by the Fed. • We expect BNM to continue to maintain the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 1.75% for the rest of the year despite concerns over the growth of the economy.

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

Year	<b>2011</b>	2012	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	-6.5%	14.0%	8.3%	3.9%	-2.2%	6.2%	22.3%	-7.0%	18.7%	16.2%
HLAVGLF- Gross	-5.8%	6.8%	6.0%	1.9%	6.7%	4.2%	16.7%	-9.8%	16.2%	26.7%
HLAVGLF - Net	-7.1%	5.0%	4.2%	0.5%	4.9%	2.6%	14.1%	-10.3%	13.7%	23.3%

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 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. 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.



### HLA Venture Global Fund (HLAVGLF)

#### 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.

#### 7. 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**

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#### **Basis of Unit Valuation**

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#### **Target Fund Details**

1.	Hong Leong Asia-I	Pacific Divide	end Fund is	an Equity f	und manage	ed by HLAN	<ol> <li>The past</li> </ol>	performance	ce of this fur	nd is as follo	ows:
	Year	2011	2012	<b>2013</b>	2014	2015	<b>2016</b>	2017	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	2020
	Performance	-15.0%	15.2%	-4.8%	-1.0%	6.5%	1.8%	19.2%	-13.3%	24.9%	50.7%
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	Performance	-0.7%	4.9%	14.5%	-0.7%	4.3%	4.8%	10.9%	-10.3%	2.2%	-13.4%
	Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	<b>2018</b>	2019	2020
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Source: Hong Leong Asset Management Berhad (HLAM)

Note: Hong Leong Global Resources Income Fund has been liquidated on 17 April 2014.

#### **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 funds, past performance is calculated after adjusting for distribution and/or additional units, if any.

#### Others

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### HLA Venture Managed Fund (HLAVMF)

#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

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

The objective of the fund is aim to provide investors with prospects for longterm capital appreciation through diversification in various capital instruments including equity, government securities, private debt securities, money market instruments and foreign assets as well as derivatives. This fund aims to outperform the benchmark comprising of FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBM KLCI) and Maybank 12month fixed deposit rate in a ratio of 50:50.

#### Investment Strategy & Approach 2.

This fund will participate in both fixed income and equity markets as well as benchmarked against the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBM KLCI) and Maybank 12-month fixed deposit rate in equal proportion. This fund is suitable for investors who are willing to take moderate risk.

#### Asset Allocation 3

The fund will invest up to a maximum 50% of its NAV in equities.

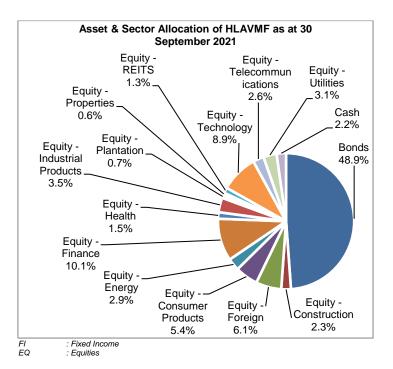
#### **Target Market** 4.

This fund is suitable for investors who are willing to take moderate risk.

#### **Fund Details**

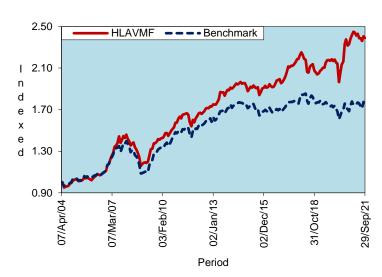
Unit Price (30/9/2021)	:RM2.3903
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	:RM314.2 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 1.23% p.a. (capped at 1.25%)
(effective as at 01/03/2017)	
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Managed
Fund Inception	:07 April 2004
Benchmark	:50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FBM KLCI)&50% 12-month Fixed Deposit Interest Rates
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

The Company reserves the right to change the cap of Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice. The Fund Management Fee will be reviewed monthly and will be revised if the previous month end actual asset allocation deviates by more than ten percent (10%) of the initial asset allocation.



Top :	5 Holdings for HLAVMF as at 30 Sept 2021		%
1.	MALAYSIA GOV SECURITIES	FI	6.2
2.	CIMB	EQ	3.7
3.	INARI	EQ	3.5
4.	MAYBANK	EQ	3.5
5.	MALAYSIA INVESTMENT ISSUE 1	FI	3.3
	Total Top 5		20.1

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVMF	-1.14%	-0.65%	3.17%	11.81%	20.45%	55.22%	139.03%
Benchmark*	-2.18%	-1.95%	2.02%	-4.49%	2.76%	21.48%	73.17%
Relative	1.04%	1.31%	1.15%	16.30%	17.69%	33.75%	65.86%
*Source: Bloomb	era Mavh	ank					



### HLA Venture Managed Fund (HLAVMF)

#### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy - Equities Market

In August, Asia continued to underperform the developed markets in the US and Europe. The selloff in Chinese stocks continued to deepen with the MSCI China dipping by >7% in mid-August. This was following the Chinese government's new economic agenda to focus on strengthening its regulatory grip over key sectors such as technology and healthcare. President Xi Jinping's rhetoric about "common prosperity" further reinforced the Communist Party's commitment to close the widening wealth gap among the population which soured market sentiment further. Globally, while key economic indicators are still holding, there are now downside risks with the recent surge in the Delta variant. The recent full FDA approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine raised hopes of the pace of vaccination being increased further. Fed Chair Powell's recent Jackson Hole speech also did not deliver any taper surprises where he acknowledged that tapering conditions (including progress toward full employment) could be met by the end of this year and the pace of any tapering is likely to be slow. He also indicated that if the Fed were to reduce asset purchases, it would not necessarily signal short-term interest rate hikes were in the pipeline.

On the domestic front, August was another eventful month. We saw the resignation of Tan Sri Mahiaddin Yassin and the appointment of Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri as the 9<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia after securing 114 Parliamentary seats with a leaner new cabinet. These developments have alleviated some of the political uncertainties in the near term. The pace of vaccination continued to see positive trajectory with close to 50% of the total population having been fully vaccinated. This brings Malaysia closer to achieving its 80% nationwide herd immunity target by early December. The Health Ministry also announced that Covid-19 will be treated as an endemic and that the country will move away from the current total containment measures, paving the way for more economic sectors to be reopened. BNM has revised their 2021 GDP forecast from 6.5-7.5% to 3-4% after taking into account the earlier restrictions.

The average daily trading volumes and values continued to fall mom to their lowest levels since Apr 2020. Average daily trading volumes fell 17% mom to 4.2b units while average daily trading values fell 11% mom to RM2.7b in Aug. Foreign investors turned net buyers of RM1b of Malaysian equities in Aug 2021 after close to 24 consecutive months of net selling. Local institutional investors, on the other hand, were the largest net sellers in August to the tune of RM1.5b. The best performing sectors in August were the plantation and transport sectors, while the worst performing sectors were the healthcare and REITs. For the month, FBMKLCI outperformed the broader market with a gain of 7.1% mom to 1,601.38pts. The FBM Shariah was up by 5.8% mom, FBMSC appreciated by 3.4% mom and FBM Emas increased by 6% mom.

On the regional front, market participants will be monitoring the spread of the Delta variant and the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination and distribution programmes. Investors will also continue to follow closely the progress of re-opening in the US and Europe as well as the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee meetings on 21-22 Sep. Domestically, key events taking place include the Monetary Policy Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September (market participants are not expecting any changes to the Overnight Policy Rate), vote of confidence for the Prime Minister when Parliament reconvenes on 13<sup>th</sup> September and the tabling of the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. We maintain our barbell strategy by investing in both the value and growth sectors, with focus still on the recovery/reopening theme, reflation beneficiaries and 5G/ technology names.

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

U.S. Treasury ("UST") paired gains in August following the robust U.S. nonfarm payrolls which raises the possibility of the Fed bringing forward its QE Taper announcement if the next jobs report remains strong. However, during the annual economic symposium at Jackson Hole, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell gave no new hints on when the U.S. central bank is likely to begin paring bond purchases, leading investors to assume a taper is unlikely until later in the year. All in all, yields rose 1 to 9bps MoM across the curve with 10-year UST closing the month at 1.31%.

Local government bond (MGS and GII) yields have edged up in line with higher UST yields. Selling was centered around 3- to 10-year parts of the curve. Yields were generally 3 to 8bps higher in August with relatively thin volume. Apart from higher UST yields, sentiment was also fuelled by the confluence of events happening locally, from both the economic and political aspects. On the economic front, Malaysia's 2Q2021 GDP growth came in at 16.1% (1Q: -0.5%), largely due to favourable base effects. On a QoQ basis, the economy contracted by 2% after 1Q's encouraging 2.7% expansion, mainly due to the imposition of mobility restrictions in May and June. However, with restrictions extended into 3Q, the government lowered its full-year growth forecast to 3-4% from 6-7.5%. On the political front, Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakob was appointed as the ninth Prime Minister ("PM") subsequent to the resignation of former PM Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and the entire Cabinet (on 16 Aug) after failing to get the opposition on board for a bipartisan vote of confidence.

In the corporate bonds segment, the government guaranteed ("GG") curves were marked higher similar to that of government bonds move. However, movement on rated-credit curves lagged and shifted lower in the month of August. Some prominent new issuances during the month were Prasarana (RM2.5 billion, GG), Malayan Banking Bhd (RM3 billion, AA1), Cagamas Bhd (RM610 million, AAA) and SME Development Bank (RM500 million, AAA).

Generally, market is still wary over the Delta variant situation as well as taper talk. Minutes from the Fed's July meeting released on 19 August showed that majority of the bank's policy-setting committee are expecting the Fed to start trimming its bond-buying program later this year. On the other hand, the spread of the Delta variant could slow job recovery. As such, we expect UST to trade rangebound ahead of FOMC meeting on 22 September.

The government bond market in Malaysia is expected to react in a cautious mood amidst the political uncertainty coupled with the rise in covid-19 cases. For time being, fresh elections are ruled out due to the pandemic situation. Furthermore, the next general election is not due until May 2023. So, the next hurdle will be the tabling of motion of confidence in the new PM when Parliament reconvenes on 6 September. Nonetheless, we do not expect the political changes to derail current economic policies, recovery plans, and vaccination progress. Also, most economic and social sectors are expected to reopen gradually. Along with gradual normalization of economic activities and positive spillover from external demand, this will pave the way for a rebound in GDP growth. As such, we remain cautious on local bond market amid the rise in global yields due to better risk appetite.

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

Year	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	2014	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	2020
Benchmark	2.9%	7.0%	7.3%	-2.6%	-1.3%	-0.8%	6.6%	-1.9%	-1.8%	2.3%
HLAVMF - Gross	1.6%	10.3%	11.4%	-0.7%	4.3%	3.4%	15.4%	-7.6%	9.0%	13.1%
HLAVMF - Net	0.3%	8.3%	9.3%	-1.9%	2.7%	2.0%	12.9%	-8.3%	7.0%	10.8%

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.



### HLA Venture Managed Fund (HLAVMF)

#### 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. 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.

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#### Others

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### HLA Venture Income Fund (HLAVIF)

#### September 2021

#### **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.

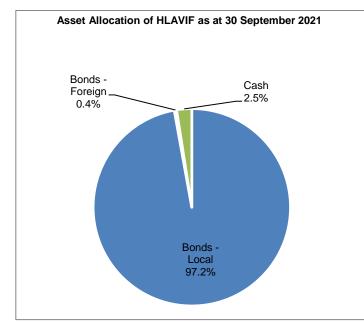
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#### Fund Details

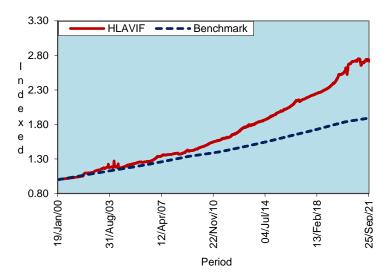
Unit Price (30/9/2021)	:RM2.7195
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	:RM458.8 mil
Fund Management Fee	: 0.50% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Bond
Fund Inception	:19 Jan 2000
Benchmark	:3-month Fixed Deposit Interest
	Rates
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

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	%	
1.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 0	13.1
2.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 1	12.8
3.	MALAYSIA INVESTMENT ISSUE 3	11.1
4.	M'SIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 1	10.2
5.	MALAYSIA INVESTMENT ISSUE 1	9.9
	Total Top 5	57.1

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
HLAVIF	-1.04%	-0.65%	0.17%	17.70%	26.51%	69.80%	171.95%
Benchmark*	0.85%	-0.28%	1.28%	6.82%	13.55%	32.61%	88.36%
Relative	-1.89%	-0.37%	-1.11%	10.88%	12.96%	37.19%	83.59%
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### HLA Venture Income Fund (HLAVIF)

Market Review

U.S. Treasury ("UST") paired gains in August following the robust U.S. nonfarm payrolls which raises the possibility of the Fed bringing forward its QE Taper announcement if the next jobs report remains strong. However, during the annual economic symposium at Jackson Hole, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell gave no new hints on when the U.S. central bank is likely to begin paring bond purchases, leading investors to assume a taper is unlikely until later in the year. All in all, yields rose 1 to 9bps MoM across the curve with 10-year UST closing the month at 1.31%.

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In the corporate bonds segment, the government guaranteed ("GG") curves were marked higher similar to that of government bonds move. However, movement on rated-credit curves lagged and shifted lower in the month of August. Some prominent new issuances during the month were Prasarana (RM2.5 billion, GG), Malayan Banking Bhd (RM3 billion, AA1), Cagamas Bhd (RM610 million, AAA) and SME Development Bank (RM500 million, AAA).

#### Market Outlook & Strategy

Generally, market is still wary over the Delta variant situation as well as taper talk. Minutes from the Fed's July meeting released on 19 August showed that majority of the bank's policy-setting committee are expecting the Fed to start trimming its bond-buying program later this year. On the other hand, the spread of the Delta variant could slow job recovery. As such, we expect UST to trade rangebound ahead of FOMC meeting on 22 September.

The government bond market in Malaysia is expected to react in a cautious mood amidst the political uncertainty coupled with the rise in covid-19 cases. For time being, fresh elections are ruled out due to the pandemic situation. Furthermore, the next general election is not due until May 2023. So, the next hurdle will be the tabling of motion of confidence in the new PM when Parliament reconvenes on 6 September. Nonetheless, we do not expect the political changes to derail current economic policies, recovery plans, and vaccination progress. Also, most economic and social sectors are expected to reopen gradually. Along with gradual normalization of economic activities and positive spillover from external demand, this will pave the way for a rebound in GDP growth. As such, we remain cautious on local bond market amid the rise in global yields due to better risk appetite.

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

Year	2011	2012	2013	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	2.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%	3.0%	1.5%
HLAVIF- Gross	4.8%	10.0%	5.4%	5.8%	6.5%	6.9%	5.3%	5.6%	10.2%	9.0%
HLAVIF - Net	3.9%	8.7%	4.5%	4.8%	5.5%	5.8%	4.4%	4.6%	8.9%	7.8%

#### Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

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#### Investment Risks

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#### 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

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### HLA Venture Income Fund (HLAVIF)

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Others

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# HLA Dana Suria (HLADS)

### September 2021

### **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 longterm 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.

#### Asset Allocation 3.

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 Shariahcompliant equities or a maximum of 100% of its NAV into Shariah-based deposits or Islamic money market instruments.

### **Target Market**

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.

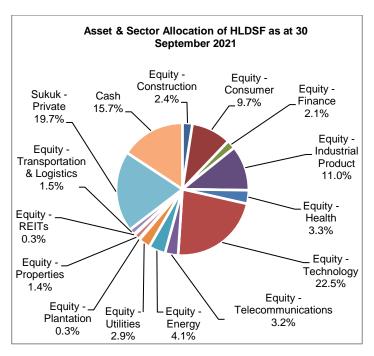
### **Fund Details**

Unit Price (30/9/2021)	:RM1.5557
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	:RM10.3 mil
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	·Daily

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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.

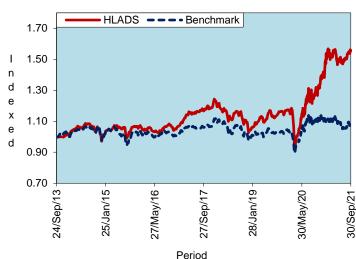
With effect 27 April 2020, the frequency of unit valuation will be changed from weekly to daily.



### Top 5 Holdings for HLADS as at 30 Sept 2021

op 5	Holdings for HLADS as at 30 Sept 2021		%
1.	Government Investment Issue 2024	Sukuk	4.9
2.	D&O Green Technologies Berhad	Equity	4.1
3.	Lembaga Pembiayaan Perumahan Sektor Awam (LPPSA)	Sukuk	3.3
4.	Government Investment Issue 2023	Sukuk	3.1
5.	Inari Amertron Berhad	Equity	2.7
	Total Top 5		18.1

### Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
HLADS	10.07%	1.32%	23.55%	34.16%	45.34%	55.57%
Benchmark*	-3.64%	-1.96%	-2.24%	1.36%	4.19%	7.22%
Relative	13.71%	3.28%	25.79%	32.79%	41.15%	48.35%
*Source: Bloombo	ra					

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## HLA Dana Suria (HLADS)

### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy

In August, Asia continued to underperform the developed markets in the US and Europe. The selloff in Chinese stocks continued to deepen with the MSCI China dipping by >7% in mid-August. This was following the Chinese government's new economic agenda to focus on strengthening its regulatory grip over key sectors such as technology and healthcare. President Xi Jinping's rhetoric about "common prosperity" further reinforced the Communist Party's commitment to close the widening wealth gap among the population which soured market sentiment further. Globally, while key economic indicators are still holding, there are now downside risks with the recent surge in the Delta variant. The recent full FDA approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine raised hopes of the pace of vaccination being increased further. Fed Chair Powell's recent Jackson Hole speech also did not deliver any taper surprises where he acknowledged that tapering conditions (including progress toward full employment) could be met by the end of this year and the pace of any tapering is likely to be slow. He also indicated that if the Fed were to reduce asset purchases, it would not necessarily signal short-term interest rate hikes were in the pipeline.

On the domestic front, August was another eventful month. We saw the resignation of Tan Sri Mahiaddin Yassin and the appointment of Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri as the 9<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia after securing 114 Parliamentary seats with a leaner new cabinet. These developments have alleviated some of the political uncertainties in the near term. The pace of vaccination continued to see positive trajectory with close to 50% of the total population having been fully vaccinated. This brings Malaysia closer to achieving its 80% nationwide herd immunity target by early December. The Health Ministry also announced that Covid-19 will be treated as an endemic and that the country will move away from the current total containment measures, paving the way for more economic sectors to be reopened. BNM has revised their 2021 GDP forecast from 6.5-7.5% to 3-4% after taking into account the earlier restrictions.

The average daily trading volumes and values continued to fall mom to their lowest levels since Apr 2020. Average daily trading volumes fell 17% mom to 4.2b units while average daily trading values fell 11% mom to RM2.7b in Aug. Foreign investors turned net buyers of RM1b of Malaysian equities in Aug 2021 after close to 24 consecutive months of net selling. Local institutional investors, on the other hand, were the largest net sellers in August to the tune of RM1.5b. The best performing sectors in August were the plantation and transport sectors, while the worst performing sectors were the healthcare and REITs. For the month, FBMKLCI outperformed the broader market with a gain of 7.1% mom to 1,601.38pts. The FBM Shariah was up by 5.8% mom, FBMSC appreciated by 3.4% mom and FBM Emas increased by 6% mom.

On the regional front, market participants will be monitoring the spread of the Delta variant and the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination and distribution programmes. Investors will also continue to follow closely the progress of re-opening in the US and Europe as well as the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee meetings on 21-22 Sep. Domestically, key events taking place include the Monetary Policy Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September (market participants are not expecting any changes to the Overnight Policy Rate), vote of confidence for the Prime Minister when Parliament reconvenes on 13<sup>th</sup> September and the tabling of the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. We maintain our barbell strategy by investing in both the value and growth sectors, with focus still on the recovery/reopening theme, reflation beneficiaries and 5G/ technology names.

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### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Eight (8) Calendar Years

Year	2013	2014	<b>2015</b>	2016	2017	<b>2018</b>	2019	2020
Benchmark	3.3%	-1.4%	2.2%	0.4%	7.5%	-7.5%	4.3%	6.7%
HLADS - Gross	2.7%	1.5%	7.4%	-0.6%	17.0%	-12.6%	14.5%	24.1%
HLADS - Net	1.2%	0.1%	5.5%	-1.9%	14.3%	-12.9%	12.0%	20.9%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past eight (8) 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.

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.



## HLA Dana Suria (HLADS)

#### Investment Risks

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#### 4. Currency Risk

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#### 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.

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### Target Fund Details

1.	Hong Leong Dana	Maa'rof is a	a Balanced	fund mana	ged by Hon	g Leong As	sset Manag	ement Berł	had. The pas	st performa	ince of this f	und is as follows
	Year	<b>2011</b>	2012	2013	2014	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	2017	<b>2018</b>	2019	2020	
	Performance	2.8%	6.4%	7.0%	0.1%	9.1%	-1.2%	13.1%	-11.1%	17.8%	28.5%	

Source: Hong Leong Asset Management Berhad

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

Performance         -4.5%         7.8%         28.6%         -2.4%         3.1%         -3.6%         17.7%         -17.7%         8.3%         18.9%	Year	<b>2011</b>	2012	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	2015	<b>2016</b>	2017	2018	<b>2019</b>	2020
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 $\frac{\text{Unit Price}_{t} - \text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}{\text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}$ 

For the underlying Target Fund, past performance is calculated after adjusting for distribution and/or additional units, if any.



## HLA Dana Suria (HLADS)

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.

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## HLA Secure Fund (HLASF)

### September 2021

#### **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 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.

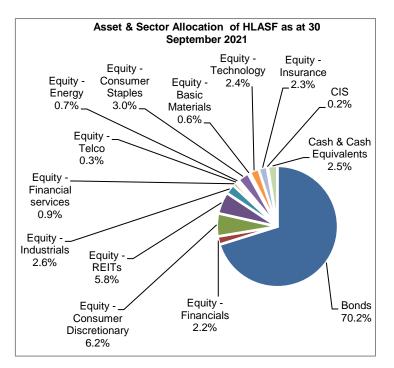
#### **Fund Details**

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Unit Price (30/9/2021)	:RM1.5185
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	:RM23.5 mil
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 :Daily

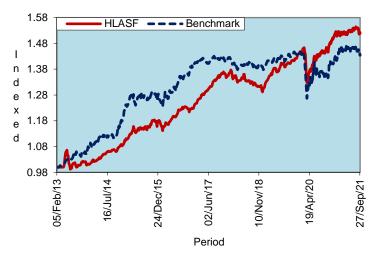
Fund management charge of underlying Collective Investment Scheme(s) is part of Fund Management Fee as stated in table above. There are no additional charges being charged to the Policy Owner. The Company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice.

With effect 27 April 2020, the frequency of unit valuation will be changed from weekly to daily.



#### Top 5 Holdings for HLASF as at 30 Sept 2021 % 2 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Equity 2.0 3. 4 AIA Group Ltd Equity 17 CapitaLand Integrated Comm Trt 1.6 5. Total Top 5 9.6

#### **Historical Performance**



	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLASF	0.92%	-1.22%	5.19%	14.44%	23.06%	51.85%
Benchmark*	2.23%	-1.08%	6.35%	2.23%	5.74%	43.39%
Relative	-1.32%	-0.14%	-1.16%	12.21%	17.31%	8.46%
*Source: AffinHwa	ing					

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## HLA Secure Fund (HLASF)

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

September lived up to its reputation of being the toughest month for markets with global equities rocked by volatility. The S&P 500 index fell 4.7% on tapering fears as well as concerns of the debt ceiling standoff by US lawmakers. The tech-heavy Nasdaq index tumbled by 5.6%. Last month, the US Federal Reserve signalled an earlier than expected tapering which came as a hawkish surprise to markets. Fed Chair Jerome Powell indicated that an official tapering decision could happen at its November meeting, and the process would commence shortly thereafter. The US 10 Year Treasury Yield moved 20 bps higher to end the month at 1.49%

In Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index closed 4.5% lower as a power crunch in China sent shockwaves across the region's supply chain. The crackdown on power consumption is being driven by rising demand for electricity and surging coal and gas prices, as well as strict targets from Beijing to cut emissions. Large manufacturing industries such as aluminium smelters, textiles producers and soybean processing plants have been ordered to curb activity or shut down operations according to Bloomberg. The economic rebound from COVID-19 lockdowns has boosted demand from households and businesses, but lower investment by miners and drillers has constrained production. News of the potential default of China's leading real estate developer Evergrande also sent chills down investors' spines. In our view, a default appears imminent as the developer will be facing a maturity wall in 2022. Though, a government-led restructuring of the group to protect interests of various stakeholders can help mitigate the full impact. (Read more in our Fundamental Flash – Unpacking Evergrande's Debt Woes)

On the domestic front, the benchmark KLCI index ended 1.8% lower in September. A recent memorandum of understanding ("MoU") inked between the government and opposition has led to a temporary ceasefire and some political stability. Part of the bipartisan agreement reached by lawmakers include parliamentary reforms, strengthening institutions, and enactment of an anti-hopping law. The 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP, 2021 – 2025) was also launched last month with notable targets including target GDP of 4.5-5.5% p.a. over the next 5 years and target Gross National Income (GNI) per capita of RM57,882. The 12MP aims to revive the economy as well as move up the supply value chain, with an emphasis of clean & sustainable energy at the forefront. Other priorities include developing less developed states, with at least 50% of the RM400 billion development expenditure allocated to these areas.. Overall, the announcement of 12MP was broadly neutral for markets. On COVID-19 developments, the government is said to be considering reopening Malaysia's international borders in December, once 90% of adults complete their vaccination. Currently, over 87% of Malaysia's adult population has been vaccinated.

In the local bond market, the MGS 10 Year yield rose 17 bps higher to close the month at 3.37%. Local government bond yields trended higher as investors reacted to the cabinet's proposal of increasing Malaysia's statutory debt ceiling to 65.0% (from 60.0%) of GDP. This would see the government's debt limit increase by approximately RM60-70 billion.

#### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Eight (8) Calendar Years

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	7.2%	10.4%	7.7%	8.2%	2.6%	-2.2%	-0.2%	-3.1%
HLASF - Gross	2.5%	9.2%	10.2%	5.6%	12.4%	-3.0%	12.3%	6.0%
HLASF - Net	1.3%	7.5%	8.4%	4.1%	10.4%	-3.7%	10.4%	4.5%
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Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past eight (8) 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.

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 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.



## HLA Secure Fund (HLASF)

### **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

### **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**

Affin Hwang Select Income Fund is a Bond fund managed by Affin Hwang Investment Management. The past performance of this fund is as follows:
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Year	<b>2011</b>	2012	2013	2014	2015	<b>2016</b>	2017	2018	<b>2019</b>	2020
Performance	5.6%	15.1%	2.9%	6.9%	8.6%	4.1%	10.5%	-4.2%	10.0%	4.7%
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.

#### 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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# HLA Cash Fund (HLACF)

### September 2021

### **Fund Features**

### 1. Investment Objective

This fund aims to provide high principal security and consistent return to the investors by investing in money market instrument. Returns will be comparable to prevailing overnight policy rates but correspondingly, the risks will be significantly lower than that for equities investment.

### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

This fund may be placed with any licensed financial institution under the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013, determined by the fund manager.

### 3. Asset Allocation

This fund may be placed with any licensed financial institution under the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013, determined by the fund manager.

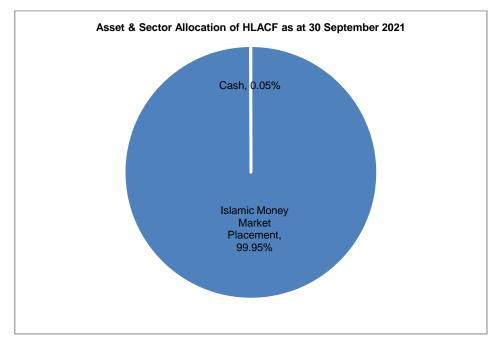
### 4. Target Market

This fund is suitable for investors who are low risk profile.

### Fund Details

Unit Price (30/9/2021)	: RM1.3005
Fund Size (30/9/2021)	: RM28.1 mil
Fund Management Fee	:0.25% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Money Market Fund
Fund Inception	:28 Dec 2010
Benchmark	:Overnight Policy Rate
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

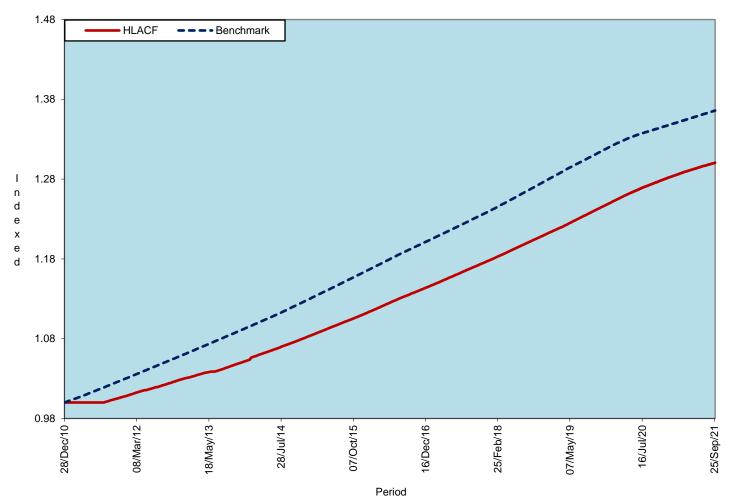
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## HLA Cash Fund (HLACF)

**Historical Performance** 



As of 30/9/21	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLACF	1.40%	0.14%	1.98%	8.07%	14.39%	30.05%
Benchmark*	1.32%	0.15%	1.77%	7.63%	14.47%	36.60%
Relative	0.09%	-0.01%	0.22%	0.44%	-0.08%	-6.55%
*Source: Bloomberg						

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

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

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%	3.1%	2.2%
<b>HLACF- Gross</b>	1.1%	2.8%	2.6%	3.4%	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.2%
HLACF - Net	0.8%	2.3%	2.1%	2.9%	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	2.7%

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.

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#### 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. Counterparty risk

This refer to the possibility that the institution that the fund invested in may not be able to make the required interest payment and repayment of principal.

#### **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



## HLA Cash Fund (HLACF)

### **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.
- 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**

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#### **Basis of Calculation of Past Performance**

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

Others

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#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The fund is designed to offer customers a Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price upon fund maturity and yet offer the opportunity to enhance returns via a leveraged exposure. The fund will periodically lock in part of the gains (10 years after launch of the fund) and thereby increasing the customers' Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price at fund maturity.

The fund is open ended with three maturity dates to match customer financial planning needs: Horizon28 to be matured in Year 2028, Horizon38 in Year 2038 and Horizon48 in Year 2048.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The fund will invest into Floating Rate Negotiable Instrument of Deposit (FRNID). FRNID allocate into two major components: Mean Variance Optimization (MVO) Strategy and Zero-coupon Negotiable Instrument of Deposit (ZNID).

To enhance investment return, MVO Strategy will be leveraged by 3 times. This MVO Strategy uses the Efficient Frontier to find the optimal portfolio returns for a defined risk, limiting to basket volatility to around 8%. The portfolio consists of 4 asset classes:

- i) 4 equities indices (S&P500, Euro Stoxx 50, Hang Seng China Enterprises, MSCI Emerging Market),
- (ii) 2 bond indices (Franklin Templeton & PIMCO),
- (iii) Spot Gold index
- (iv) Cash index

These indices are published at Bloomberg to provide transparency to customer.

The ZNID provides the Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price upon each fund's maturity. The initial Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price as follow:

Fund	Initial Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price at fund maturity
HLA Horizon28	RM 1.00
HLA Horizon38	RM 1.50
HLA Horizon48	RM 2.00

Over time, Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price may go up via a profit taking mechanism. This mechanism will lock the gains provided the condition stated below is met, by transferring portion of gains from the MVO Strategy to the ZNID on a yearly basis as follow:

Fund Year	% of the MVO Strategy Gains
1 to 10	0%
11 to 20	50%
21 to 30	100%

The condition for profit taking:

$$\left(\frac{MVO_t}{MVO_{prevPT}} - 1\right) > 0$$

Where,

MVO<sub>t</sub> is the mark-to-market value of MVO per unit

MVO<sub>prevPT</sub> is the mark-to-market value of MVO at the time of previous actual executed profit taking per unit

#### 3. Target Market

The fund is suitable for investors who wish to engage in mid-term and long-term wealth-planning. The feature of this Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price upon fund maturity will help to safeguard the savings goal for their children's education, retirement planning or wealth-building for future generations.

#### **Fund Details**

Fund Management Fee	: 1.30% p.a.
Fund Manager	: Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Inception	: 9 Oct 2018
Benchmark	: 3-month Klibor *+ 2.65%
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. \*Source: Bloomberg

#### Other Details

Fund Name	Fund Maturity Date	Unit Price @ 28/9/2021	Fund Size 28/9/2021	Guaranteed Unit Price upon Fund Maturity (updated @ 28/9/2021)
HLA Horizon28 Fund	:08/10/2028	RM1.0788	RM6,412,733.53	RM1.00
HLA Horizon38 Fund	:08/10/2038	RM1.1504	RM286,244,165.16	RM1.50
HLA Horizon48 Fund	:08/10/2048	RM1.1766	RM135,006,881.77	RM2.00

The Guaranteed Unit Price upon Fund Maturity stated above may be revised upwards from time to time via profit taking. **Hong Leong Assurance Berhad** 198201014849 (94613-X)

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Performance Snapshot

Fund	1 Month	1 Year
HLA Horizon28	-2.47%	3.59%
HLA Horizon38	-3.46%	0.38%
HLA Horizon48	-4.67%	-2.12%

**Exposure to MVO Strategy** 

Fund	Exposure as at 28/9/2021
HLA Horizon28	93.94%
HLA Horizon38	108.18%
HLA Horizon48	144.834%

#### Market Review (by Hong Leong Bank Berhad)

The evolution of the Covid situation – increasingly more in terms of the sustainability of reopening rather than just the epi curve of case loads – will still be key to Asia macro as we approach winter. There are three things which will be key to look for in the next few months: a) vaccine efficacy, especially against critical illness and deaths; b) stress on health care systems; and c) economic pressure (labor market gaps, increase in indebtedness, etc). The good news is that taxonomy data from the region has consistently confirmed that vaccination can significantly reduce critical illness and deaths.

A recent study in Malaysia, for example, which covers three different vaccines – Astra Zeneca, Pfizer and Sinovac – used locally, concluded that all three offered high levels of protection (at least 77% against ICU admission and 84% against deaths). The less good news is that while vaccine efficacy is not yet seen as a problem, but the strain on the health care system from rising infections is still a real risk.

For most of South and SE Asia in particular, the number of hospital beds scaled by population is lower than the average even for emerging market economies. But while the medical capacity is lacking, the economic/policy pressure to reopen has been relatively high across much of this region. We had argued why improving vaccinations, and the need to relieve economic pressure, should push Malaysia to reopen more aggressively.

Gains of MVO Strategy (per unit)	HLA Horizon28	HLA Horizon38	HLA Horizon48
Previous actual executed profit taking at -	N/A	N/A	N/A
Basket Value (as of 28-September-21)	-4.41%	-5.40%	-7.23%
Basket Value (as of 26-August-21)	-1.43%	-1.98%	-2.65%

The next observation date for profit taking is 8 Oct 2029. If this date is not a Business Day, then shall be the Business Day immediately following the date stated.

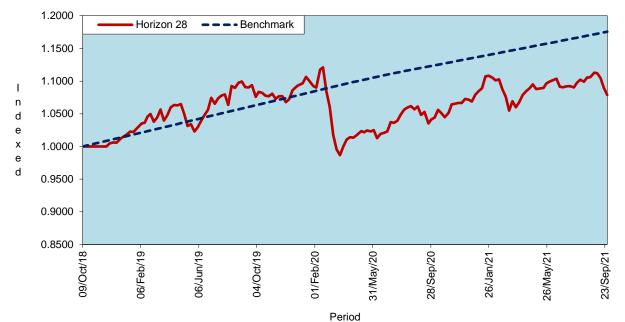
#### Underlying Asset in the MVO Strategy as at 28 September 2021

Indices	Bloomberg Ticker	Weightage (%)	Monthly Performance
iShares MSCI EM Index Fund	EEM US Equity	0.00%	-1.14%
S&P 500 Index	SPX Index	35.00%	-3.63%
Euro Stoxx 50 Index	SX5E Index	34.68%	-4.43%
Hang Seng China Enterprises Index	HSCEI Index	0.00%	-2.39%
Gold	GOLDLNAM Index	0.00%	-2.96%
Templeton Global Bond Fund	FTGBFAC LX Equity	0.00%	-0.72%
PIMCO Funds – Total Return Bond Fund	PTRBDFE ID Equity	30.00%	-0.44%
DB Fed Funds Effective Rate TR Index	DBMMFED1 Index	0.32%	0.01%
Total		100.00%	



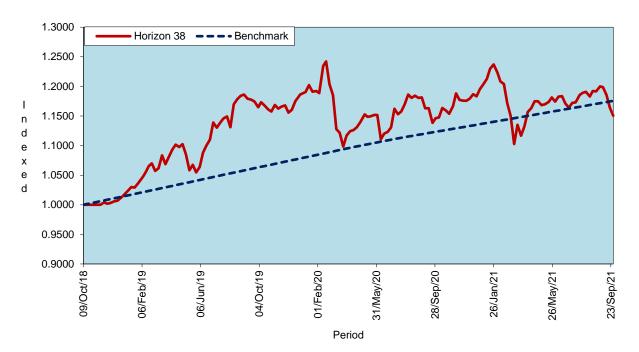
### **Historical Performance**

	HLA Horizon28 Fund								
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception			
HLA Horizon28	-0.05%	-2.47%	3.59%	-	-	7.88%			
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	-	-	17.56%			
Performance vs Benchmark	-3.52%	-2.91%	-1.07%	-	-	-9.68%			
Notice: Past performance of the	fund is not an ind	ication of its future	nerformance						



HLA Horizon38 Fund							
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception	
HLA Horizon38	-3.76%	-3.46%	0.38%	-	-	15.04%	
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	-	-	17.56%	
Performance vs Benchmark	-7.23%	-3.90%	-4.29%	-	-	-2.52%	

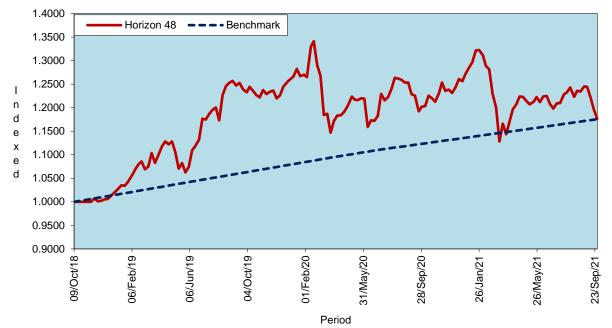
Notice: Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance.





HLA Horizon48 Fund												
Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception							
-7.53%	-4.67%	-2.12%	-	-	17.66%							
3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	-	-	17.56%							
-11.00%	-5.11%	-6.79%	-	-	0.10%							
	-7.53% 3.47%	Year to-date         1 month           -7.53%         -4.67%           3.47%         0.44%           -11.00%         -5.11%	Year to-date1 month1 Year-7.53%-4.67%-2.12%3.47%0.44%4.66%-11.00%-5.11%-6.79%	Year to-date         1 month         1 Year         3 Years           -7.53%         -4.67%         -2.12%         -           3.47%         0.44%         4.66%         -           -11.00%         -5.11%         -6.79%         -	Year to-date         1 month         1 Year         3 Years         5 Years           -7.53%         -4.67%         -2.12%         -         -           3.47%         0.44%         4.66%         -         -           -11.00%         -5.11%         -6.79%         -         -							

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



\*Source: Bloomberg

### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Three (3) Calendar Years

Year	2018	2019	2020
Benchmark	6.4%	6.4%	5.4%
HLA HORIZON28 – Gross	1.7%	10.0%	0.1%
HLA HORIZON28 – Net	1.3%	7.9%	-1.2%
HLA HORIZON38 – Gross	1.8%	19.9%	2.2%
HLA HORIZON38 – Net	1.3%	17.1%	0.8%
HLA HORIZON48 – Gross	1.9%	27.3%	2.8%
HLA HORIZON48 – Net	1.5%	23.8%	1.3%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past three (3) 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.

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The fund was only launched on 9 October 2018. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 9 October 2018 to 31 December 2018.

#### **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 detailed explanation of the risk 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. Deleverage Risk

Deleveraging may occur if the bond floor rises due to falling interest rates or due to nearing maturity, or due to sustained underperformance of the underlying asset. When this occurs, the Funds will unwind all allocation to the underlying asset and will effectively become a zero-coupon bond fund.



### 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.

#### 7. Country Risk

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

#### **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
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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.
- 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.

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#### Others

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#### September 2021

#### **Fund Features**

#### 1. Investment Objective

The fund is designed to provide investors with principal and enhanced profit protection via a systematic investment in a globally diversified multi asset (equities, currency, rates, commodities, property, hedge fund strategies) long short strategy.

#### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The main investment strategy is executed via portfolio optimization methodology. The fund is open ended with defined maturity date. The investment execution is accomplished via a Floating Rate Negotiable Instrument of Deposits ("FRNID") issued by CIMB Bank Berhad.

The FRNID is principal protected at maturity by CIMB Bank. The FRNID dynamically adjusts its exposure to the strategy, such as to reduce exposure when the strategy has negative performance and increase exposure when it has positive performance.

#### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund will invest in a FRNID.

#### 4. Target Market

The fund is suitable for investors who wish to engage in long-term wealth-planning, such as for children's education, retirement planning or wealth-building for future generations, whereby the investor's return on their lifetime of investments will be safely locked at fund maturity.

#### Fund Details

Fund Management Fee	:	HLA EverGreen 2023 Fund HLA EverGreen 2025 Fund HLA EverGreen 2028 Fund : 0%*p.a. HLA EverGreen 2030 Fund HLA EverGreen 2035 Fund
Fund Manager	:	Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Inception	:	28 Dec 2010
Benchmark	:	3-month Klibor + 2.65%
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. \*The Company ceased to charge the Fund Management Fee for HLA EverGreen 2023, HLA EverGreen 2025, HLA EverGreen 2028, HLA EverGreen 2030 and HLA EverGreen 2035 with effect from 22 Jan 2016, 5 Jul 2016, 16 Jan 2019, 7 May 2019 and 14 Aug 2019 respectively.

#### **Other Details**

Fund Name	Unit Price (28/9/2021)	Fund Size (28/9/2021)	Fund Maturity Date	Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price at Fund Maturity (before tax)
HLA EverGreen 2023 Fund	: RM1.1655	RM24.19 mil	26 Dec 2023	1.2358
HLA EverGreen 2025 Fund	: RM1.1270	RM10.66 mil	26 Dec 2025	1.2670
HLA EverGreen 2028 Fund	: RM1.0551	RM18.30 mil	26 Dec 2028	1.3136
HLA EverGreen 2030 Fund	: RM1.0060	RM53.92 mil	26 Dec 2030	1.3446
HLA EverGreen 2035 Fund	: RM0.8677	RM877.65 mil	26 Dec 2035	1.4221

The Minimum Guaranteed Unit Price at Fund Maturity before tax will attract a portion of tax which has yet to be provided for. The further tax adjustment is the difference of tax payable on the capital gains of the funds determined at funds maturity and tax which has been provided for the funds through weekly unit pricing. The unit prices published weekly are on after tax basis.

### Market Review (by CIMB Bank Berhad)

BNM maintained the OPR at 1.75% for the 7th consecutive meeting, citing easing of containment measures, progress in vaccination programme and strong global demand to support growth momentum going into 2022. However, BNM posits overall risks remain tilted to the downside but remains committed to flex its policy levers to ensure sustainable economic recovery. August 2021 inflation continued its downward trajectory, easing to 2% year-on-year (YoY) (July 2021: 2.2%) as movement controls were still in place. Trade surplus rose in August 2021 to RM21.4bn (July: RM13.8bn) as exports grew 18.4% YoY due to the elevated commodity prices and growth of manufactured exports while imports expanded 12.5% YoY, although all three import categories (intermediate, capital and consumption goods) saw month-on-month declines impacted by movement restrictions. A 5-year development agenda, the 12th Malaysian Plan, was unveiled by the Prime Minister with the aim to revive the Covid-19 hit economy as well as ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth. The initiatives presented focused on 3 key themes; Prosperity, Inclusivity and Sustainability. 2021 – 2025 GDP growth target was set at 4.5%-5.5% p.a. while fiscal deficit is set to reduce to 3.0% - 3.5% of GDP by 2025. On another note, the US Federal Reserve indicated it might start tapering its asset purchase program by the end of the year, sending both USD and global interest rates upwards in anticipation of future interest rate hikes. Both short and long term interest rates increased in the month of September. (Source:CGS-CIMB Research, The Edge Markets, CIMB Treasury and Markets Research)

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#### Net Exposure of HLA EverGreen Funds to CIMB EverGreen Index

Fund	HLA EverGreen 2023	HLA EverGreen 2025	HLA EverGreen 2028	HLA EverGreen 2030	HLA EverGreen 2035
Avg Exposure of Maximum Assurance FRNID to Max InvestSave PSSIA-i 30Y	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Exposure of MaxInvestSave PSSIA-i 30Y to CIMB EverGreen Index			Not Applicable		
Net Exposure of HLA EverGreen Funds to CIMB EverGreen Index in July 2020	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

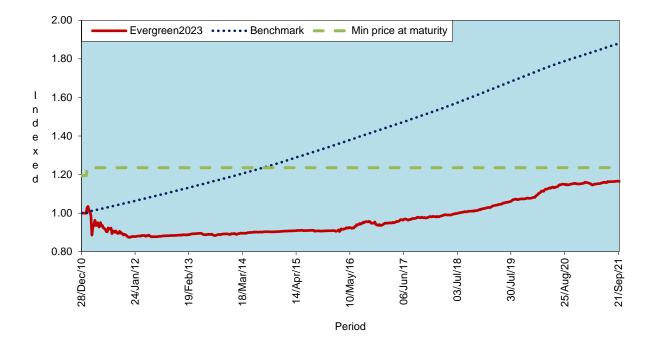
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**Historical Performance** 



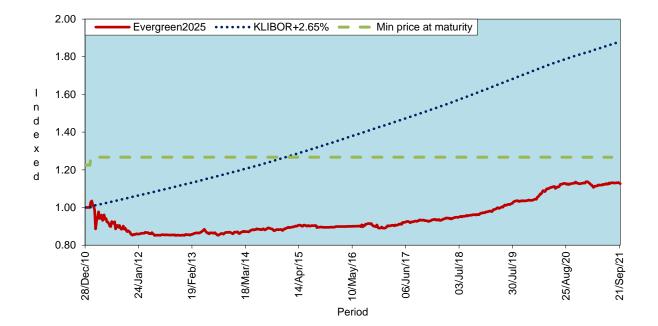
	HLA EverGreen 2023 Fund												
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception						
HLA EverGreen 2023	1.06%	0.12%	1.44%	15.42%	21.72%	30.06%	16.55%						
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	17.84%	33.10%	80.21%	88.08%						
Performance vs Benchmark	-2.54%	-0.35%	-3.39%	-2.39%	-11.18%	-50.98%	-71.67%						

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	HLA EverGreen 2025 Fund												
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception						
HLA EverGreen 2025	-0.18%	-0.29%	0.14%	17.49%	23.12%	27.04%	12.70%						
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	17.84%	33.10%	80.21%	88.08%						
Performance vs Benchmark	-3.65%	-0.73%	-4.52%	-0.35%	-9.98%	-53.17%	-75.38%						

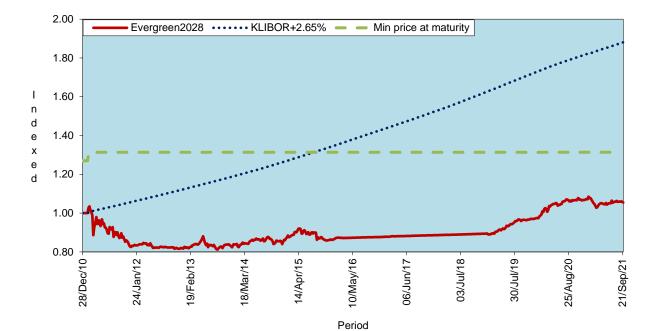
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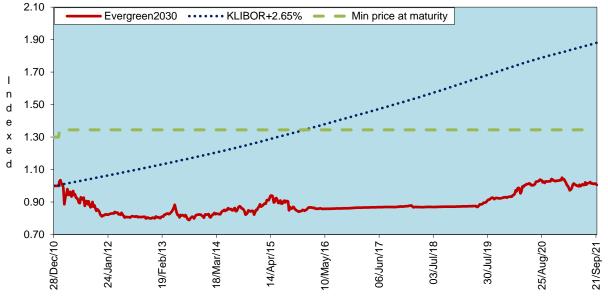
	HLA EverGreen 2028 Fund												
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception						
HLA EverGreen 2028	-1.40%	-0.37%	-0.98%	18.30%	20.47%	20.51%	5.51%						
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	17.84%	33.10%	80.21%	88.08%						
Performance vs Benchmark	-4.87%	-0.81%	-5.64%	0.45%	-12.62%	-59.70%	-82.57%						
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	HLA EverGreen 2030 Fund												
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception						
HLA EverGreen 2030	-2.60%	-0.91%	-2.03%	15.47%	16.79%	15.26%	0.60%						
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	17.84%	33.10%	80.21%	88.08%						
Performance vs Benchmark	-6.08%	-1.34%	-6.69%	-2.37%	-16.31%	-64.95%	-87.48%						

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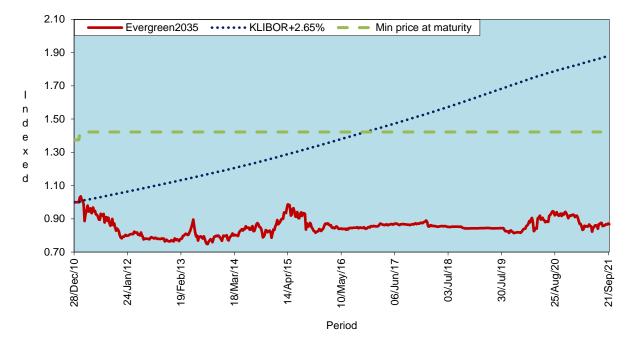


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	HLA EverGreen 2035 Fund												
As of 28/9/21	Year to-date	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception						
HLA EverGreen 2035	-5.91%	1.00%	-6.29%	1.94%	2.20%	0.16%	-13.23%						
KLIBOR+2.65% p.a.*	3.47%	0.44%	4.66%	17.84%	33.10%	80.21%	88.08%						
Performance vs Benchmark	-9.38%	0.56%	-10.95%	-15.91%	-30.89%	-80.05%	-101.31%						

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\*Source: Bloomberg

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

Year	2011	2012	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	2017	<b>2018</b>	2019	2020
Benchmark	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%	6.3%	6.5%	6.5%	6.2%	6.4%	6.4%	5.4%
HLA EVERGREEN 2023 – Gross	-11.0%	2.5%	2.4%	3.0%	1.7%	4.7%	6.5%	6.0%	6.1%	7.5%
HLA EVERGREEN 2023 – Net	-12.3%	1.0%	0.9%	1.4%	0.3%	3.0%	4.7%	4.2%	5.6%	6.9%
HLA EVERGREEN 2025 – Gross	-13.0%	0.9%	3.6%	3.6%	2.5%	0.8%	6.7%	5.9%	7.4%	9.4%
HLA EVERGREEN 2025 – Net	-14.3%	-0.5%	2.0%	2.0%	1.0%	-0.6%	4.9%	4.1%	6.8%	8.6%
HLA EVERGREEN 2028 – Gross	-15.7%	-0.3%	4.5%	4.5%	1.7%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	9.6%	10.9%
HLA EVERGREEN 2028 – Net	-17.0%	-1.6%	2.8%	2.8%	0.3%	1.4%	1.0%	0.9%	8.7%	10.1%
HLA EVERGREEN 2030 – Gross	-16.9%	-1.0%	4.8%	5.1%	1.4%	3.0%	2.6%	1.2%	7.9%	11.8%
HLA EVERGREEN 2030 – Net	-18.2%	-2.3%	3.1%	3.4%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%	-0.2%	6.8%	10.8%
HLA EVERGREEN 2035 – Gross	-19.5%	-2.2%	6.4%	6.5%	1.9%	3.2%	4.1%	-2.5%	-1.6%	13.0%
HLA EVERGREEN 2035 – Net	-20.8%	-3.5%	4.6%	4.7%	0.4%	1.6%	2.4%	-3.6%	-2.2%	11.9%

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#### **Investment Risks**

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#### 7. 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.

#### 8. Performance 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.

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#### Performance of Max InvestSave PSSIA-I 30Y

Not applicable

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#### Performance of CIMB EverGreen Index Against Other Indices

Not applicable

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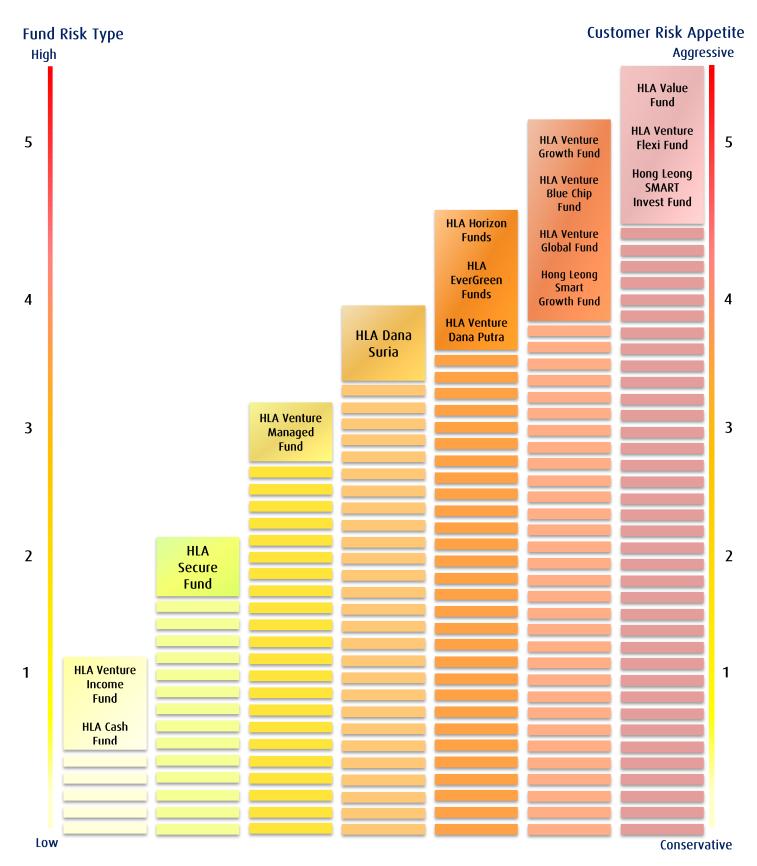


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