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Nomura i-Income Fund - Class I

October 2022

Fund Manager's Commentary

In October-22, the domestic yield curve flattened, with the short-end of the yield curve rising while the long end declined as central banks maintained their hawkish stance. In particular, 3Y Government Investment Issue ("GII") 10/25 increased by 7 bps MoM while the 30Y GII 05/52 fell by circa 8 bps MoM. Corporate sukuk issuances saw an uptick as corporates pushed ahead with borrowing to lock in interest rates ahead of rising interest rates. We maintain our expectations of Bank Negara Malaysia to stay on course with its interest rate normalisation pathway in the coming months, noting that the domestic yield curve has to a certain degree priced in multiple Overnight Policy Rate hikes.

Strategy-wise, we see value in the present steepness of the belly of the credit curve, particularly as the 3-7 year portion remains fairly steep, making for an attractive rolldown play.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
	31/12/2021 To	30/9/2022 To	31/7/2022 To	30/4/2022 To
	31/10/2022	31/10/2022	31/10/2022	31/10/2022
Fund	-1.15	0.29	-0.38	1.39
Benchmark	1.81	0.21	0.62	1.17

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Commencement	
	31/10/2021 To 31/10/2022	31/10/2019 To 31/10/2022	31/10/2017 To 31/10/2022	5/1/2017 To 31/10/2022	
Fund	0.04	7.82	25.98	31.71	
Benchmark	2.14	6.98	14.57	17.74	

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund	0.83	7.01	10.35	6.07	5.49
Benchmark	1.95	2.50	3.45	3.54	3.32

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Notes:

Performance data is calculated based on the changes in the Fund's NAV price per unit for the specified length of time and on the assumption that any dividends declared are reinvested into the Fund. Performance figures are presented in cumulative basis, unless indicated otherwise.

The Fund was launched on 7 November 2012. However, there were no units in circulation for the period between 21 March 2016 and 4 January 2017. As such, the Fund's performance figures are only available from 5 January 2017 onwards.

* The Fund was launched as a single class wholesale fund on 7 November 2012. Following the approval obtained from the unit holders at a unit holders' meeting, the Fund was subsequently converted to a unit trust fund and split to Class I and Class R on 1 October 2022. Hence, performance data prior to 1 October 2022 as shown in this material reflects the performance of the Fund as a single class wholesale fund.

FUND'S PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide investors with regular income distributions through investments in Islamic deposits, Islamic money market instruments and sukuk.

Benchmark

12-month Malayan Banking Berhad General Investment Account Rate.

Distribution Policy

Distribution of income, if any, is on quarterly basis and may be made from realised gains, realised income and/or out of capital.

Key Facts

Launch Date	07-Nov-12*	
Fund Category	Islamic Fixed Income	
Year End	31 December	
Fund Size	MYR 430.52 million	
Class Size	MYR 388.4 million	
Units in Circulation (Class I)	363.83 million	
NAV per Unit (Class I)	MYR 1.0675	
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm	
Redemption Period	T + 3 business days	

Sales charge

Nil

Management fee

Up to 0.25% per annum of the NAV of the Class.

Trustee fee

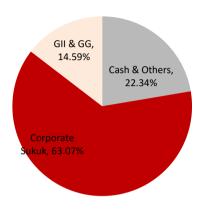
Up to 0.03% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum.



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Asset Allocation*



*Presented as a % of NAV as at 31 Oct 2022

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Included in 'Cash & Others' are cash on hand and Islamic deposits and other net current assets/liabilities.

Top Holdings*

Government of Malaysia	11.17%
Infracap Resources Sdn Berhad	9.01%
Zamarad Assets Berhad	4.64%

Rating Profile*

NR (GII & GG)	14.59%
AAA	21.61%
AA2	6.97%
AA3	16.19%
A1	10.34%
A2	3.48%
A3	3.58%
BBB2	0.90%

Sector Breakdown*

PUBLIC FINANCE	20.17%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	19.74%
INFRASTRUCTURES AND UTILITIES	15.95%
DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS	9.09%
PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE	5.73%
CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING	3.55%
TRANSPORTATION	3.42%

Distribution By Financial Year

	2021	2020	2019
Distribution (RM)	0.0427	0.0486	0.0498
Distribution Yield (%)	3.90	4.31	4.52

Disclaimer

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 30 September 2022, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 5.1 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Refinitiv Lipper). "Low" includes funds with VF that are above 4.44 but not more than 10.855. The VF means there is a possibility for the Fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by Refinitiv Lipper based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The Fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC.

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