

Nomura Ringgit Bond Fund 1

Fund Manager's Commentary

In tandem with global yield movements, Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve bull-flattened in November as long-end of the curve led the rally. Downside inflation surprise in the US, coupled with signals from the US Federal Reserve to slow its rate hike pace as soon as in Dec-22, led to global yields declining sharply over the month. Notably, 3Y MGS 03/25 fell 8 bps MoM while the rest of the curve plunged 25-44 bps MoM. This rally was amid the fourth consecutive 25 bps Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") hike by Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") and the resolution of the political gridlock domestically.

In its final Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting of the year, BNM delivered its fourth back-to-back 25 bps rate hike, bringing the OPR to 2.75%. In its Monetary Policy Statement, BNM sounded cautious on global growth outlook amid persistent inflationary pressures, tighter global financial conditions, and China's zero-Covid policy. Domestically, BNM remained positive on domestic economy growth prospects, underpinned by robust domestic demand. Meanwhile, it expected inflation risk to be tilted to the upside going into 2023. All in all, BNM reiterated that there is no "pre-set course" and future monetary policy settings would continue to be done in a measured and gradual manner.

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	31/10/2022	31/8/2022	31/5/2022
	То	То	То	То
	30/11/2022	30/11/2022	30/11/2022	30/11/2022
Fund	1.02	0.84	0.11	1.89
Benchmark	2.00	0.23	0.66	1.22

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	3 Year	Since Commencement
	30/11/2021 To 30/11/2022	30/11/2019 To 30/11/2022	02/07/2019 To 30/11/2022
Fund	1.25	8.34	10.89
Benchmark	2.16	6.46	7.83

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.

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Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to optimize returns to its investors by mainly investing in fixed income securities denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

Benchmark

12-Month Malayan Banking Berhad Fixed Deposit Account Rate

Distribution Policy

The Fund will distribute income at least on a quarterly basis, subject to availability of income.

Key Facts

Launch Date	01-Jul-19
Fund Type	Wholesale – Fixed Income
Year End	31 December
Fund Size	MYR 474.43 million
Units in Circulation	464.18 million
NAV per Unit	MYR 1.0221
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 3 business days

Sales charge

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Management fee

Up to 0.20% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.

Trustee fee

Up to 0.03% per annum of the NAV of the Fund with a minimum of RM9,000.00 per annum.



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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2021	2020	2019
Fund	0.25	6.47	2.83
Benchmark	1.85	2.21	1.55

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

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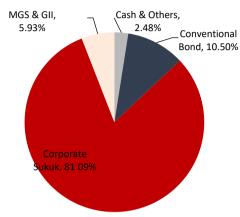
Top Holdings*

Government of Malaysia	5.93%
Petroleum Sarawak Exploration & Production	4.49%
Quantum Solar Park (Semenanjung)	4.42%

Sector Breakdown*

Financial	26.67%
Energy and Utilities	25.45%
Transportation and Storage	13.04%
Real Estate	11.34%
Public Administration	10.27%
Consumer Staples	4.09%
Communications Services	3.12%
Industrials	2.06%
Basic Materials	1.49%

Asset Allocation*



*Presented as a % of NAV as at 30 Nov 2022

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

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

Rating Profile*

MGS & GII	5.93%
AAA	25.07%
AA1	5.97%
AA2	10.85%
AA3	49.71%

Distribution By Financial Year

-	2021	2020	2019
Distribution (RM)	0.0296	0.0263	0.0046
Distribution Yield (%)	2.86	2.47	0.45

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