

## Nomura Ringgit Bond Fund 1

April 2023

### Fund Manager's Commentary

In April-2023, the domestic government bond market rallied amidst a bull flattening of the yield curve as the global economic outlook continued to moderate. Markets began to price-in the end of global central banks' rate hike cycles. In particular, front-end of the Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve fell by 6-8 bps MoM while belly to long-end of the curve plunged 16-26 bps MoM. Meanwhile, corporate bonds continued its strong outperformance, leading to narrower credit spreads as domestic real money investors reached for yield especially on the longer end of the credit curves.

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.

### Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to optimise 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

Subject to availability of income, distribution will be on quarterly basis.

### Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD 31/12/2022 To 30/4/2023	1 Month 31/3/2023 To 30/4/2023	3 Months 31/1/2023 To 30/4/2023	6 Months 31/10/2022 To 30/4/2023
<b>Fund</b>	3.06	0.67	1.81	4.90
<b>Benchmark</b>	0.94	0.23	0.69	1.41

### Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year 30/4/2022 To 30/4/2023	3 Year 30/4/2020 To 30/4/2023	Since Commencement 02/07/2019 To 30/4/2023
<b>Fund</b>	6.48	9.00	15.36
<b>Benchmark</b>	2.57	6.46	9.09

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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### Key Facts

Launch Date	01-Jul-19
Fund Type	Wholesale – Fixed Income
Year End	31 December
Fund Size	MYR 493.32 million
Units in Circulation	475.2 million
NAV per Unit	MYR 1.0381
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 3 business days

**Sales charge**  
Nil

**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.

### Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Fund</b>	1.97	0.25	6.47	2.83
<b>Benchmark</b>	2.24	1.85	2.21	1.55

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

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### Top Holdings\*

UEM Sunrise Berhad	4.59%
Petroleum Sarawak Exploration & Production Sdn Berhad	4.55%
YTL Power International Berhad	4.23%

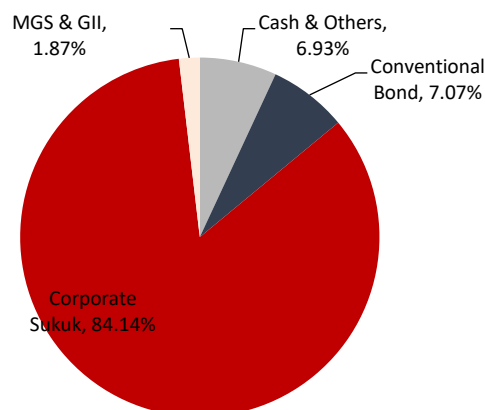
### Sector Breakdown\*

Energy and Utilities	24.50%
Financial	23.95%
Transportation and Storage	15.47%
Real Estate	11.57%
Consumer Staples	7.14%
Public Administration	4.12%
Basic Materials	2.08%
Health Care and Social Work	2.08%
Industrials	1.16%
Communications Services	1.01%

### Distribution By Financial Year

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Distribution (RM)</b>	0.0355	0.0296	0.0263
<b>Distribution Yield (%)</b>	3.48	2.86	2.47

### Asset Allocation\*



\*Presented as a % of NAV as at 28 Apr 2023

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	1.87%
AAA	21.68%
AA1	7.47%
AA2	12.62%
AA3	49.43%

#### Disclaimer:

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 31 March 2023, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 2.8 and is classified as "Very Low" (Source: Refinitiv Lipper). "Very Low" includes funds with VF that are above 0.00 but not more than 4.205. 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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