

Nomura i-Income Fund 2 - Class H (Hedged)

January 2025

Fund Manager's Commentary

Global bond market started the year on a positive note despite the US Federal Reserve's interest rate pause. Tracking global yield movements, GII yields broadly declined over the month. Save for 7Y benchmark GII which rose 3 bps MoM, the rest of the curve fell by 1-4 bps MoM.

In its first Monetary Policy Committee meeting of the year, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) continued to keep its Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) unchanged at 3%. BNM retained its neutral tone with a balanced outlook for both global and domestic economies. Global growth is expected to be sustained by resilient labour market conditions, moderating inflation, and less restrictive monetary policy amid elevated policy uncertainties surrounding global trade and investment. On the domestic front, while economic growth momentum is expected to be sustained, supported by positive domestic consumption, continued progress of approved investments under the national master plans, and global tech upcycle, BNM indicated that domestic growth outlook is subject to downside risks from evolving global trade and investment environment. Meanwhile, domestic inflation for the year is forecasted to remain manageable with the overall impact of the several announced domestic policies expected to be contained. All in all, BNM reiterated that the current monetary policy stance remains supportive of the economy and is consistent with the current assessment of the inflation and growth prospects.

Strategy-wise, reducing the duration of the portfolio and holding more cash has been beneficial for the portfolio, especially in this period of high uncertainty. We would remain invested in cash and sukuk, awaiting a better yield in the govies space to increase our sukuk holdings.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD 31/12/2024 To 31/1/2025	1 Month 31/12/2024 To 31/1/2025	3 Month 31/10/2024 To 31/1/2025	6 Month 31/7/2024 To 31/1/2025
Fund	0.46	0.46	1.33	2.97
Benchmark	0.52	0.52	-1.15	4.37

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year 31/1/2024 To 31/1/2025	3 Year 31/1/2022 To 31/1/2025	Since Commencement 21/7/2021 To 31/1/2025
Fund	5.65	13.64	14.62
Benchmark	8.84	1.29	3.16

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 provide investors with recurring income on its investments.

Benchmark

Maybank 3-month Islamic Fixed Deposit Rate

Distribution Policy

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

Key Facts

Launch Date	30-Jun-21
Fund Category	Islamic Fixed Income
Year End	31 October
Fund Size	MYR 74.81 million
Class Size	USD 0.15 million
Units in Circulation (Class H)	0.14 million
NAV per Unit (Class H)	USD 1.1266
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 3 business days

Sales charge
Nil

Management fee
Up to 0.40% 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 of RM12,000.00 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges).

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund	5.47	6.22	0.42	1.41
Benchmark	5.44	-1.37	-3.43	2.18

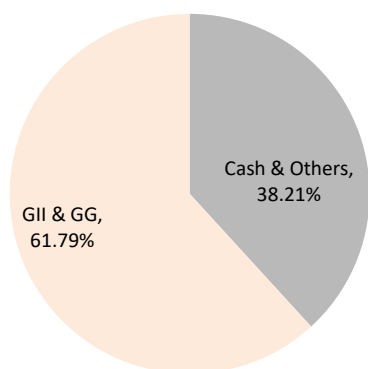
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Asset Allocation*



Top Holdings*

Government of Malaysia	61.79%
Cash & Others	38.21%

Sector Breakdown*

Public Administration	61.79%
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*Presented as a % of NAV as at 31 Jan 2025

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.

Distribution By Financial Year

	2024	2023	2022
Distribution (RM)	0.0060	0.0070	0.00364
Distribution Yield (%)	0.54	0.67	0.37

Disclaimer:

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 31 December 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 8.73 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Refinitiv Lipper). "Low" includes funds with VF that are between 5.06 and 9.18. 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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