

Nomura Ringgit Bond Fund 2

March 2025

Fund Manager's Commentary

In March, despite volatile yield movements on the global front amid softer US CPI print for Feb-25 and uncertainties surrounding global trade policies and geopolitical developments, MGS yield curve shifted downwards. In particular, yields declined by 1-7 bps MoM across the curve.

In its March Monetary Policy Committee meeting, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained 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 uncertainties surrounding global trade and geopolitical developments. On the domestic front, while economic growth is expected to be sustained, supported by positive domestic demand and continued expansion in investment activity, BNM indicated that domestic growth outlook is subject to downside risks from evolving global trade policies and lower-than-expected commodity production. 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, we have tried to take the opportunity to take profit and reinvest the portfolio to improve the credit quality of the portfolio. We currently see better value in the roll down in the short-end of the curve and are concerned on the risk of a weakness in the govies space in light of the rally in govies and the risk of external factors in the financial markets.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD 31/12/2024 To 31/3/2025	1 Month 28/2/2025 To 31/3/2025	3 Months 31/12/2024 To 31/3/2025	6 Months 30/9/2024 To 31/3/2025
Fund	1.24	0.42	1.24	1.93
Benchmark	0.62	0.21	0.62	1.25

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year 31/3/2024 To 31/3/2025	3 Year 31/3/2022 To 31/3/2025	Since Commencement 29/7/2020 To 31/3/2025
Fund	4.25	14.33	13.73
Benchmark	2.59	8.31	11.69

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund	4.35	6.06	1.83	-1.02
Benchmark	2.67	3.01	2.24	1.85

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. Calendar year returns for 2020 are measured from its commencement date of 29 July 2020.

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

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to generate regular income by investing in fixed income securities whilst carefully considering capital preservation on behalf of its investors.

Benchmark

12-month Malayan Banking Berhad Fixed Deposit Account Rate

Distribution Policy

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

Key Facts

Launch Date	28-Jul-20
Fund Type	Wholesale – Fixed Income
Year End	31 March
Fund Size	MYR 272.21 million
Units in Circulation	272.01 million
NAV per Unit	MYR 1.0007
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 3 business days

Sales charge

Nil

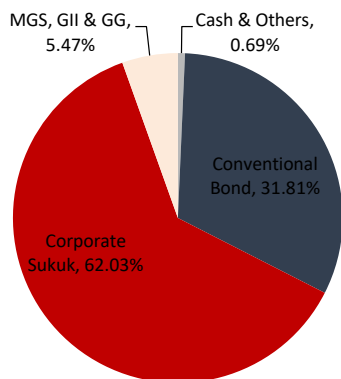
Management fee

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

Trustee fee

Up to 0.03% per annum of the NAV of the Fund with a minimum of RM12,000.00 per annum.

Asset Allocation*



*Presented as a % of NAV as at 31 March 2025

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

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

Top Holdings*

GENM Capital Berhad	9.37%
Malayan Banking Berhad	9.21%
Sabah Development Bank Berhad	7.39%

Rating Profile*

NR (MGS, GII & GG)	5.47%
AAA	9.57%
AA1	43.87%
AA2	4.70%
AA3	31.92%
A1	3.77%

Sector Breakdown*

Financial	35.37%
Consumer Discretionary	16.92%
Real Estate	15.82%
Transportation and Storage	10.56%
Industrials	10.23%
Energy and Utilities	4.94%
Public Administration	3.62%
Health Care and Social Work	1.84%
Cash & Others	0.69%

Distribution By Financial Year

	2024	2023	2022
Distribution (RM)	0.0300	0.0290	0.0326
Distribution Yield (%)	3.02	2.98	3.39

Disclaimer:

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 28 February 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 1.89 and is classified as "Very Low" (Source: Refinitiv Lipper). "Very Low" includes funds with VF that are above 0.00 but not more than 4.915. 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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