

Nomura Global Shariah Strategic Growth Fund - Class A

May 2025

Fund Commentary and Strategy

Global stocks rose in May as renewed optimism on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and softer inflation data globally led to expectations of easier monetary policy. Also, easing trade war tensions between the US and its major trading partners further spurred risk-on sentiments. As such, the Dow Jones Islamic Market ("DJIM") World Index rose by +6.37% and the MSCI All Country World Index ("ACWI") rose by +5.51% (both in USD terms) for the month. US treasury yields rose over the month while the USD weakened by -1.37% vs. MYR. The Fund's NAV for Class A recorded +4.18%. Equity investments contributed +3.69% whilst cash, sukuk investments and the currency hedges contributed +0.49%.

Equity Contribution +3.69%

US markets led the rally as trade tensions eased and optimism surrounding AI picked up. Communication Services and Information Technology saw strong gains while healthcare underperformed on policy uncertainty and potential Medicaid budget cuts. We increased equity exposure to c.63% on better risk appetite, increasing exposure in the software sector notably. We expect this sector to benefit from the ongoing AI cycle, while remaining relatively insulated against potential tariff news and geopolitical tensions.

Given the inflation uncertainty stemming from US trade policy unpredictability, we expect the US Federal Reserve to hold rates constant until visibility on the tariff situation is resolved in 3Q25. This would open the door to a rate cut sometime in 4Q25. As such, we will cautiously maintain our relatively high equity allocation with the following allocation: (1) defensives such as healthcare (skewed towards medtech) and consumer staples, and (2) pockets of secular growth such as AI and software.

Fixed Income & FX hedges Contribution +0.49%

Our sukuk investments via the Collective Investment Scheme ("CIS") namely Dow Jones Global Sukuk ETF contributed +0.49%, despite rising sukuk yields, in tandem with US Treasury yields on the back of better risk-on environment. Currency-wise, we initiated hedges on the back of bearish sentiments surrounding the USD, which cushioned returns as the USD weakened.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

| | YTD | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | 31/12/2024 | 30/4/2025 | 28/2/2025 | 30/11/2024 |
| | To | To | To | To |
| | 31/5/2025 | 31/5/2025 | 31/5/2025 | 31/5/2025 |
| Fund | 1.72 | 4.18 | 0.48 | 0.38 |
| Benchmark | 2.46 | 0.49 | 1.47 | 2.96 |

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

| | 1 Year | 3 Year | Since Commencement |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| | 31/5/2024 | 31/5/2022 | 02/06/2020 |
| | To | To | To |
| | 31/5/2025 | 31/5/2025 | 31/5/2025 |
| Fund | -0.25 | 17.48 | 31.80 |
| Benchmark | 6.00 | 19.10 | 33.80 |

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 as a wholesale fund on 22 May 2020. Following the approval obtained from the unit holders at a unit holders' meeting, the Fund was subsequently converted to a unit trust fund 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 wholesale fund.

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Fund Objectives

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth, primarily through the Fund's investments in foreign Shariah-compliant equities, sukuk, Islamic collective investment schemes and Islamic money market instruments.

Benchmark

Absolute return of 6% per annum

Distribution Policy

Distribution of income, if any, is incidental.

Key Facts

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Launch Date | 22-May-2020* |
| Fund Type | Mixed Assets (Shariah-compliant) |
| Year End | 30 September |
| Fund Size | MYR 13.16 million |
| Class Size | MYR 6.65 million |
| Units in Circulation (Class A) | 5.28 million units |
| NAV per Unit (Class A) | MYR 1.2598 |
| Transaction cut-off time | Daily; 4:00 pm |
| Redemption Period | T + 10 business days |

Sales charge

Nil

Management fee

Up to 1.20% per annum of the NAV of the Class.

Trustee fee

Up to 0.04% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM15,000 per annum.

Calendar Year Returns (%)

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022* |
|------------------|------|-------|--------|
| Fund | 9.08 | 12.34 | -15.54 |
| Benchmark | 6.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |

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Top 5 Equity Holdings (%)

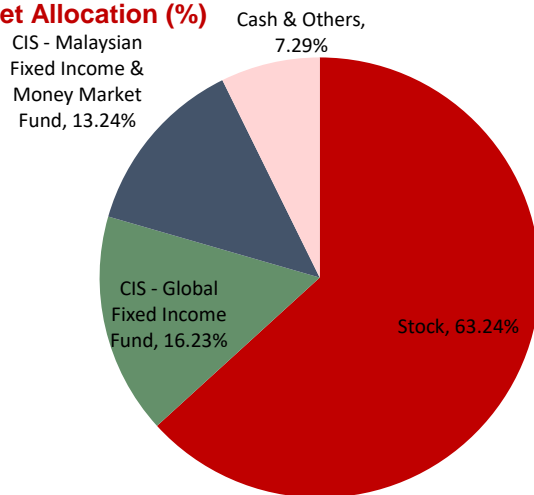
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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Microsoft Corp | 3.78% |
| Nvidia Corp | 3.54% |
| Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr | 3.42% |
| Lonza Group Ag-Reg | 3.40% |
| Broadcom Inc | 2.99% |

Equity Sector Breakdown (%)

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Information Technology | 20.64% |
| Health Care | 13.84% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 11.32% |
| Industrials | 5.77% |
| Materials | 3.55% |
| Financials | 2.88% |
| Consumer Staples | 2.76% |
| Communication Services | 2.49% |

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Asset Allocation (%)



Country Breakdown (%)

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| United States | 54.23% |
| Malaysia | 13.24% |
| Japan | 8.20% |
| Ireland | 4.82% |
| Taiwan | 3.42% |
| Switzerland | 3.40% |
| France | 2.02% |
| Australia | 1.48% |
| Germany | 1.39% |
| United Kingdom | 0.50% |
| Cash & Others | 7.29% |

All data presented are as of 31 May 2025 unless otherwise specified.

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

Distribution By Calendar Year

| | YTD | 2024 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Distribution (RM) | 0.0060 | 0.0508 |
| Distribution Yield (%) | 0.51 | 4.08 |

Disclaimer:

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 30 April 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 8.59 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Refinitiv Lipper). "Low" includes funds with VF that are above 4.73 but not more than 9.185. 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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