

Nomura i-Income Fund 2 - Class H (Hedged)
July 2026
Fund Manager's Commentary

Global yields continued their weakening trend in July, on the back of renewed geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and inflation fears. In tandem with global yield movements, though on a smaller quantum, GII yield curve bear-flattened over the month. Notably, front-end to belly of the curve led the selloff with yields surging 7-12 bps MoM while the long-end of the curve was better supported.

In its July Monetary Policy Committee meeting, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) kept its Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) unchanged at 2.75%. While maintaining its neutral tone, BNM struck a more constructive note on the external backdrop, pointing to broadly resilient global growth underpinned by strong tech expansion and improving supply conditions and commodity prices, with a deescalation of the Middle East conflict seen as a catalyst for further easing of supply chain frictions – though it continued to flag downside risks from lingering geopolitical uncertainty, tighter global financial conditions, and elevated asset valuation concerns. Domestically, growth momentum in 2Q26 remained resilient, driven by sustained domestic demand and a stronger-than-expected export performance, with household spending supported by employment and wage growth, and investment activity underpinned by multi-year private and public projects and continued high realisation of approved investments. Meantime, while elevated global commodity prices pose upside price risks, BNM expects the impact on both headline and core inflation to remain contained in 2026, reflecting domestic policy measures and stable demand conditions. All in all, BNM assesses the current monetary policy stance as appropriate and consistent with the outlook for continued price stability and sustainable growth.

Recent subscriptions have enhanced our capacity to reposition the portfolio strategically in response to pronounced volatility across global fixed income markets. We are maintaining tactical liquidity to exploit value opportunities in intermediate and long-dated maturities as market conditions evolve. Cash holdings are currently allocated to competitive money market placements. We anticipate the ongoing repricing of the yield curve will present superior risk-adjusted entry points within the next several months.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month
	31/12/2025	30/6/2026	30/4/2026	31/1/2026
	To	To	To	To
	31/7/2026	31/7/2026	31/7/2026	31/7/2026
Fund (USD Hedged)	0.84	0.17	0.47	0.58
Benchmark (MYR)	1.09	0.15	0.45	0.92

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	3 Year	Since Commencement
	31/7/2025	31/7/2023	21/7/2021
	To	To	To
	31/7/2026	31/7/2026	31/7/2026
Fund (USD Hedged)	2.36	14.65	21.05
Benchmark (MYR)	1.94	7.35	12.25

Source: LSEG 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 285.92 million
Class Size	USD 0.17 million
Units in Circulation (Class H)	0.15 million
NAV per Unit (Class H)	USD 1.1449
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).

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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund (USD Hedged)	5.22	5.47	6.22	0.42	1.41
Benchmark (MYR)	2.23	2.61	2.89	2.11	0.77

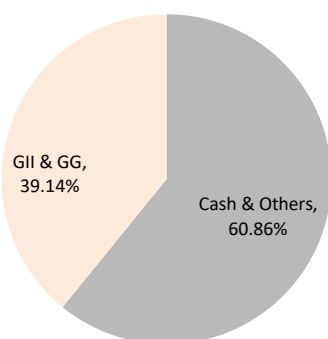
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Asset Allocation*



Top Holdings*

Cash & Others	60.86%
Government of Malaysia	39.14%

Sector Breakdown*

Public Administration	39.14%
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*Presented as a % of NAV as at 31 Jul 2026

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Distribution (RM)	0.0238	0.0060	0.0070	0.00364
Distribution Yield (%)	2.07	0.54	0.67	0.37

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Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 30 June 2026, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 7.73 and is classified as "Low" (Source: LSEG Lipper). "Low" includes funds with VF that are between 4.57 and 8.66. 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 LSEG 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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