

# HLA Secure Fund (HLASF)

May 2024

## Fund Features

### 1. Investment Objective

To provide investors with steady and consistent return over a long-term investment horizon by investing into local and global fixed income securities and equities.

### 2. Investment Strategy & Approach

The strategy is to provide investors an affordable access into a diversified investment portfolio with a mixture of equities and fixed income instrument. The fund will invest primarily in fixed income instruments such as bonds, money market instruments, repo and deposits with financial institutions that provide regular income as well as in high dividend yield stocks to enhance the fund's returns. The asset allocation decision between fixed income instruments and equity is decided after considering the fixed income and equity market outlook over the medium to long-term horizon. Initially the fund will invest by feeding into Affin Hwang Select Income Fund ("Target Fund"), with the option to increase the number of funds or replace Affin Hwang Select Income Fund with other fund(s) in future. The Target Fund will invest primarily in Asia pacific excluding Japan companies.

### 3. Asset Allocation

The fund shall invest a minimum 70% of the NAV in Fixed Income Instruments and maximum 30% of NAV in equities.

### 4. Target Market

The fund is suitable for investors who are relatively conservative and wish to have a steady and stable return that meets their retirement needs.

## Fund Details

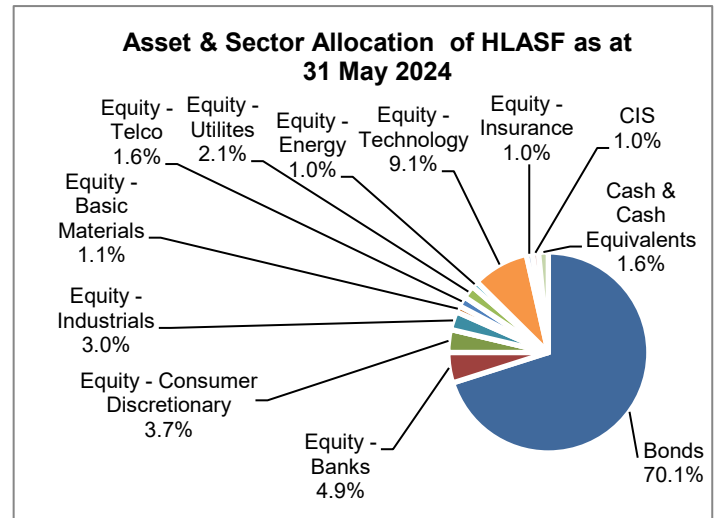
Unit Price (31/5/2024)	:RM1.5289
Fund Size (31/5/2024)	:RM24.35 mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.00% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	:Managed
Fund Inception	:05 Feb 2013
Benchmark	:(70% x Maybank 12 Months Fixed Deposit Rate) + (30% x MSCI AC Asia Pacific excluding Japan High Dividend Yield Inex)

Frequency of Unit Valuation :Daily

Fund management charge of underlying Collective Investment Scheme(s) is part of Fund Management Fee as stated in table above. There are no additional charges being charged to the Policy Owner. The Company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner three (3) months prior written notice.

With effect 27 April 2020, the frequency of unit valuation will be changed from weekly to daily.

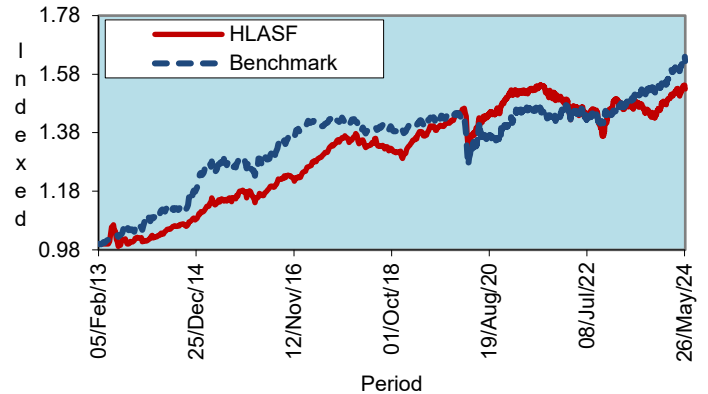
Asset Allocation for HLASF as at 31 May 2024	%
Affin Hwang Select Income Fund	99.60
Cash	0.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## Top 5 Holdings for HLASF as at 31 May 2024

Rank	Company Name	Sector	%
1.	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	EQ	4.2
2.	MGS (22.05.2040)	FI	2.5
3.	Scentre Group Trust	FI	1.7
4.	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	EQ	1.6
5.	Yinson Holdings Berhad	FI	1.6
Total Top 5			11.6

## Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLASF	2.94%	0.78%	4.64%	0.03%	11.51%	52.89%
Benchmark*	4.26%	1.15%	8.69%	11.29%	14.23%	62.48%
Relative	-1.32%	-0.37%	-4.05%	11.26%	-2.72%	-9.59%

\*Source: AffinHwang

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Benchmark\*

Time Frame	Benchmark
Prior to March 2016	(70% x JP Morgan Asia Credit Investment Grade Index) + (30% x Dow Jones Asia Pacific Select Dividend 30 Index)
March 2016 to February 2022	(70% x Maybank 12 Months Fixed Deposit Rate) + (30% x Dow Jones Asia Pacific Select Dividend 30 Index)
February 2022 onwards	(70% x Maybank 12 Months Fixed Deposit Rate) + (30% x MSCI AC Asia Pacific excluding Japan High Dividend Yield Index)

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### Market Review, Outlook & Strategy relevant to Target Fund

Global equities defied the old adage of 'Sell in May and Go Away' instead achieving notable gains over the month. The S&P 500 index posted its strongest May performance since 2020, climbing 5%. This surge comes as disinflationary forces seem to be easing, with inflation showing modest declines. The headline consumer price index (CPI) rose 3.4%, aligning with expectations, while core inflation, excluding food and energy, came in at 3.6% as forecasted. However, persistent price pressures in rent and services components continued to contribute to overall inflation. The minutes of the US Federal Reserve's May FOMC meeting similarly highlighted the lack of progress over inflation. Most Fed members expressed a lack of confidence in moving forward with interest rate reductions and emphasised patience regarding the timing of rate cuts. Despite recent positive inflation readings, Fed members noted that achieving the 2% target might take time.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell, however, reassured investors by pushing back against the possibility of further rate hikes. At the same May FOMC meeting, the Fed opted to keep benchmark interest rates unchanged within the target range of 5.25% - 5.50%. US Treasury yields retreated in May, with the benchmark 10-Year yield dropping by 18 basis points to settle at 4.50%. Bond markets are anticipating two rate cuts by the end of the year, likely occurring between September and December. In Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index rose 1.30% driven by gains in Chinese equities. The Hang Seng index and MSCI China index closed 1.80% and 2.10% respectively lifted by optimism surrounding stimulus measures. Regulators announced that the minimum down payment ratios for individuals' commercial housing mortgages will be lowered to 15% for first-home purchases. This is the lowest down payment policy in the country's history, representing a significant easing move in the housing sector. Furthermore, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) announced it would provide 300 billion yuan to financial institutions to lend to local state-owned enterprises (SOEs) so they can buy unsold apartments that have already been built.

The swathe of policy announcements provides a strong signal that Beijing is taking a closer look at the property market and taking measures to reduce property inventories. It will be important to see a follow-through on stimulus measures to ensure the recovery can be sustained. This is especially as recent economic data such as retail sales, manufacturing PMI and investment data disappoint. Back home, the benchmark KLCI closed 1.30% higher in May, breaking above the 1600-point mark. The broader FBM 100 index also saw a rise of 2.30%, propelled by foreign inflows. The government embarked on its first subsidy rationalisation measure, removing the blanket subsidy for diesel. This move is anticipated to save the government up to RM4 billion annually, which aligns well with its fiscal reform agenda.

The conclusion of the first quarter 2024 results season came in strongly recording an average earnings growth of 24% on a full-year basis. 57% of the Malaysian universe performed in line with forecasts, while 17% exceeded expectations. In the local bond market, the 10-year Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) yield slipped 9 basis points to settle at 3.89%. As anticipated, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) kept the overnight policy rate (OPR) unchanged at its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in May. However, the central bank cited upside risks in growth and inflation due to withdrawals from Employee Provident Fund (EPF) Account 3. Additionally, the civil servant wage hike and further subsidy rationalisation measures could further stoke price pressures.

### Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Ten (10) Calendar Years

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Benchmark</b>	7.2%	10.4%	7.7%	8.2%	2.6%	-2.2%	-0.2%	-3.1%	2.2%	1.1%	8.13%
<b>HLASF - Gross</b>	2.5%	9.2%	10.2%	5.6%	12.4%	-3.0%	12.3%	6.0%	0.7%	-2.0%	3.2%
<b>HLASF - Net</b>	1.3%	7.5%	8.4%	4.1%	10.4%	-3.7%	10.4%	4.5%	-0.3%	-2.8%	1.9%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past ten (10) years, or since inception if shorter, and are strictly the performance of the investment-linked fund. Thus, the returns are not earned on the actual premium paid of the investment-linked product.

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The fund was only launched on 14 February 2013. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 14 February 2013 to 31 December 2013.

### Investment Risks

All investments carry risks. Policy Owners must be prepared to accept certain degree of risk associated with this Investment. The following are the non-exhaustive list of risks associated to this fund.

#### 1. Market Risk

Market risk stems from the fact that there are other economy-wide perils, which threaten all businesses. It is mainly caused by uncertainties in the economy, political and social environment.

#### 2. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund invested cannot be readily sold and converted into cash. This may arise when the trading volume is low and/or where there is a lack of demand for the security.

#### 3. Country Risk

The foreign investment of a fund may be affected by the political & economic conditions of the country which the investments are made.

#### 4. Currency Risk

This risk is associated with investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuation in foreign exchange rates will have an impact on the value of the funds.

#### 5. Concentration Risk

This risk is associated with a feeder fund whereby the investments of such fund are not diversified. A feeder fund invests mainly into another collective investment scheme.

### Risk Management

The company has in place its Authorized Investment Framework which forms part of the Risk Management process. The authority framework covers the nature and scope of the investment authority that is exercisable by various parties in managing the Company's investments. The potential investment risks that are taken into consideration in managing the fund include economic conditions, liquidity, qualitative and quantitative aspects of the securities. The investment manager(s) have put in place the following controls to reduce the risks through:

- having a flexible tactical asset allocation
- investing in a wide range of companies across different sectors
- setting prudent investment limits on various exposures
- taking into account the liquidity factor in selecting securities
- engaging in the hedging of foreign currency exposure where appropriate

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### Basis of Unit Valuation

1. The assets of every fund are to be valued to determine the value at which units of a particular fund can be liquidated or purchased for investment purposes.
2. The unit price of a unit of a fund shall be determined by the Company but in any event shall not be less than the value of fund of the relevant fund (as defined below), divided by the number of units of the given fund in issue on the business day before the valuation date, and the result adjusted to the nearest one hundredth of a cent.
3. The maximum value of any asset of any fund shall not exceed the following price:
  - a) The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
  - b) In the case of securities for which market values are not readily available, the price at which, in our Investment Manager's opinion, the asset may have been purchased on the business day before the valuation date; plus any expenses which would have been incurred in its acquisition.
4. To ensure fair treatment to all unit holders, the cost of acquiring and disposing of assets is recouped by making a transaction cost adjustment to the net asset value per unit.

### Exceptional Circumstances

The Company reserves the right to defer the payment of benefits (other than death benefit) under this Policy for a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date the payment would have been normally effected if not for intervening events such as temporary closure of any Stock Exchange in which the fund is invested which the Company, in its discretion, may consider exceptional.

### Target Fund Details

Affin Hwang Select Income Fund is a Bond fund managed by Affin Hwang Investment Management. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Performance	5.6%	15.1%	2.9%	6.9%	8.6%	4.1%	10.5%	-4.2%	10.0%	4.7%	-0.8%

Source: Affin Hwang Investment Management

### Basis of Calculation of Past Performance

The historical performance of the fund is calculated based on the price difference over the period in consideration compared to the older price of the period in consideration.

$$\frac{\text{Unit Price}_t - \text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}{\text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}$$

For the underlying Target Fund, past performance is calculated after adjusting for distribution and/or additional units, if any.

### Others

HLA Secure Fund is managed by Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (HLA). Any amount invested in this fund is invested by HLA on behalf of Policy Owner in equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instrument/s. If the financial institutions and/or corporations issuing the equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instruments defaults or insolvent, the Policy Owner risks losing part or all of his/her amount that were invested into the instruments on his/her behalf by HLA.

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### Disclaimer:

Policy Owner must evaluate your options carefully and satisfy yourself that the investment-linked fund chosen meets your risk appetite. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The intention of this document is to enable Policy Owner to better understand the fund features and details in order to assist Policy Owner to making an informed decision. This document shall not be construed as professional advice on investment choices.