## HH UOB Asset Management

United-/ Global Balanced Fund - GBP hedged Class

April 2025 All data expressed as at 31 March 2025 unless otherwise stated

3-year

Fund Volatility

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## FUND OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

The Fund seeks to provide income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk globally. The Fund will generally adopt a balanced portfolio between Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk in the ratio of 50:50.

## PERFORMANCE CHART SINCE LAUNCH



Source: UOBAM(M)

## FUND PERFORMANCE DATA (NAV-NAV PRICES)

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch	YTD
United-i Global Balanced Fund- GBP hedged Class	-2.19%	-1.91%	-5.41%	O.11%	17.35%	-1.91%
Benchmark	-2.58%	-1.81%	-3.13%	3.63%	22.10%	-1.81%

Note: Benchmark - 50% S&P Global BMI Shariah Index and 50% Dow Jones Sukuk Index Source: UOBAM(M)

## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

	2021	2022	2023
United-i Global Balanced Fund- GBP hedged Class	7.95%	-10.95%	14.27%

Source: UOBAM(M)

TOP 5 HOLDINGS FOR SU	JKUK
KSA SUKUK 2.969% 29.10.2029	1.88%
SAUDI ELECTRICITY GLOBAL SUKUK 4.723% 27.09.2028	1.54%
KSA SUKUK 4.303% 19.01.2029 MTN	1.53%
PERUSAHAAN PENERBIT SSBN 4.150% 29.03.2027 MTN	1.52%
KSA SUKUK 3.628% 20.04.2027 MTN	1.50%

## **TOP 5 HOLDINGS FOR EQUITIES**

NVIDIA ORD	3.74%
MICROSOFT ORD	3.18%
APPLE ORD	2.92%
AMAZON COM ORD	2.39%
ALPHABET CL A ORD	2.16%

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION			
Equity	51.52%		
Bonds	46.06%		
Cash	2.42%		
Total	100.00%		

### PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Equities	138
Sukuk	59
CIS	1

## SECTOR HOLDINGS FOR SUKUK

Financials	16.23%
Government	12.77%
Infrastructures & Utilities	10.80%
Telecommunication	2.66%
Transportation & Logistics	1.17%
CIS	1.05%
Property & Real Estate	0.93%
Energy	0.45%
Total	46.06%

#### SECTOR HOLDINGS FOR EQUITIES

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Technology	18.67%
Health Care	9.34%
Consumer Products	8.64%
Industrial Products	5.78%
Telecommunication	3.04%
Energy	2.04%
Materials	1.79%
Financials	0.95%
Property & Real Estate	0.94%
Utilities	0.28%
Mining & Petroleum	0.04%
Total	51.52%

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL ALLOCATION** FOR EQUITIES & SUKUK

United States	36.67%
Malaysia	15.37%
Indonesia	7.38%
United Kingdom	2.84%
United Arab Emirates	7.75%
Cash	2.42%
Others	27.57%
Total	100.00%
Source: UOBAM(M)	



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3-year Fund Volatility

Lipper Analytics 31 March 2025

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### FUND DETAILS

LAUNCH DATE	11 March 2019	
COMMENCEMENT DATE	21 August 2020	
FINANCIAL YEAR END	30 June	
CATEGORY/TYPE OF FUND	Balanced (Islamic) / Income & Growth	
BASE CURRENCY	USD	
CLASS OF UNITS	GBP hedged Class	
INITIAL OFFER PRICE	GBP 0.50000	
UNITS IN CIRCULATION - GBP HEDGED CLASS	1,248,427.59	
NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV")	GBP 703,732.84	
NET ASSET VALUE - TOTAL FUND	USD 81,963,716.04	
NAV PER UNIT	GBP 0.5637	
MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT	GBP 1,000	
MINIMUM ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT	GBP 100	
TRUSTEE	Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad	
SALES CHARGE	Up to 5.00% of NAV per unit of the Class	
ANNUAL MANAGEMENT FEE	Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of the Class	
ANNUAL TRUSTEE FEE	Up to 0.06% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, minimum of RM15,000 p.a. or its equivalent amount in USD	
REDEMPTION CHARGE	equivalent amount in USD Nil.	
PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK	50% S&P Global BMI Sharlah Index	
	50% Dow Jones Sukuk Index	
	40% - 60% of the Fund's NAV in Sharlah-compliant equities	
ASSET ALLOCATION	40% - 60% of the Fund's NAV in Sukuk, Islamic money market Instruments or	
	placement of Islamic Deposit with Financial Institutions	
	Up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in unrated Sukuk	
INVESTMENT MANAGER	UOB Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd	

## HISTORICAL NAV (GBPH)

Highest	29/9/2024	0.6087
Lowest	14/10/2022	0.4711

Source: UOBAM(M)

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## PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION OF THE FUND

#### Equity

The portfolio modestly outperformed the index for the period, however delivered negative returns. Strong selection in utilities, health care and communication services was offset by selection in information technology. On a regional basis, strong stock selection in North America was partially offset by selection in Emerging Markets, Developed EU & Middle East ex UK and Japan. Within utilities and health care, our top relative contributors were overweights to ENN Energy and Haleon, respectively. Within information technology and industrials, our top relative detractors were overweights to MongoDB and Vertiv Holdings, respectively. Shares of ENN Energy Holdings, one of the largest clean energy distributors in China, rose after the company received a take-private offer from its largest shareholder, ENN Natural Gas, for approximately \$11.6 billion. The deal is part of ENN Natural Gas' reorganization ahead of its own proposed listing in Hong Kong. Shares of MongoDB fell over the period after issuing weak guidance for fiscal 2026. Management stated it expects adjusted earnings per share of \$2.44 to \$2.62 and revenue of \$2.24 billion to \$2.28 billion, implying 12.7% revenue growth, which would be the slowest rate at least since the company went public in 2017

#### Sukuk

The sukuk sleeve underperformed its benchmark by 3 basis points (bps), recording a positive return of 0.61% versus the benchmark's 0.64%. Government agencies contributed positively to the portfolio, while the utility sector was a detractor. KSA Sukuk Ltd was the main contributor, while TNB Global Venture was the main detractor. The fund's duration (2.94) is shorter than the benchmark (4.44).

#### OUTLOOK OF THE FUND

#### Faulty

Global equities fell in March. Markets were rattled by US foreign policy, which threatened to upend supply chains and global trade and fueled a deterioration in sentiment indicators, along with fears of recession and stagifation. Uncertainty about the scope and magnitude of US tariffs and their impact on inflation and global economic growth caused volatility to spike, enhancing the appeal of perceived safe-haven assets like gold. The spot price of gold soared to new highs, topping US\$3,000 per ounce for the first time. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent outlined an ambitious vision to reduce the US deficit to 3% - 3.5% of GDP by 2028 while avoiding a recession. The plan aims to shift more growth back into the private sector through a combination of deregulation and affordable energy. The European Central Bank and Bank of Canada lowered interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point, while policy rates in the US, England, and Japan remained unchanged. Germany's new coalition government announced monumental and unprecedented spending plans to address economic growth and defense needs, with spending likely to eventually exceed €1 trillion – 50% larger than the COVID-19 package for the entire European Union. China announced plans to bolster consumption and the economy

The S&P Global BMI Shariah returned -5.6% over the month. Within the index, eight out of 11 sectors declined over the month. Communication services and information technology were the bottom performing sectors, while energy and consumer staples were the top performing sectors over the period.

#### Sukuk

In March 2025, the US Treasury market experienced heightened volatility driven by economic data, Federal Reserve policy signals and global trade tensions. The Federal Reserve held rates steady at 4.25-4.50%, maintaining a cautions stance while signalling possible rate cuts later in the year depending on economic data. Major indices dropped significantly, with the S&P 500 down 5.75%, the Nasdaq plunging 10.42% and the Dow Jones falling 4.2%, largely driven by investor fears over newly announced tariffs and a potential economic slowdow. Inflation is expected to rise to 3.6%, short-term due to tariff concerns, while long-term projections remained stable. The labour market weakened slightly, with unemployment rising to 4.2% and longer durations of joblessness. Throughout March 2025, U.S. treasury yields fluctuated significantly with 2-, 5-, and 10-year benchmark yields at 3.885%, 3.950%, and 4.207% respectively, while 20- and 30-year benchmark yields rose to 4.600%, and 4.572%, respectively

On the local font, Malaysia's bond and sukuk market began on a strong footing with total outstanding issuances reaching RM2.145 trillion in the first quarter. This positive trajectory was underpinned by resilient domestic demand and stable Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) readings. Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.00%, citing that the current rate remains appropriate to support economic growth and maintain price stability. Bank Negara projects Malaysia's economy to grow between 4.5% and 5.5% in 2025, led by strong domestic demand despite external uncertainties. Inflation is expected to stay manageable, with January 2025 headline and core inflation at 1.7% and 1.8% respectively. While wage-related policies may increase demand, their inflationary impact is seen as limited. By March 2025, foreign ownership of Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) and Government Investment Issues (Gill) rose 1.33% from RM254.92 billion in December 2024. By month-end, MGS yields fell with the 3-, 5-, 7- and 10-year benchmarks, closing at 3.38%, 3.56%, 3.72%, and 3.77% respectively

#### STRATEGY OF THE FUND

#### Fund

The fund will maintain a vigilant approach to asset allocation, aiming to deliver respectable returns while being prepared to adjust positions as market conditions evolve.

#### Eauity

From a regional perspective, our largest overweights were United Kingdom and North America. We were most underweight to Emerging Markets

The outlook for the sukuk market remains positive, with current valuations presenting attractive investment opportunities. The market is expecting rates to remain stable, and the fund believes that the current market conditions support a constructive investment approach, particularly in high-quality sukuk instruments.

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