

Nomura i-Income Fund 2 - Class H (Hedged)

December 2024

Fund Manager's Commentary

Global bond market experienced yet another volatile month amid a hawkish US Federal Reserve's interest rate cut. In tandem with global yield movements, GII yields rose before turning around to end the month broadly unchanged. All in all, GII yields ended the month between -3 to +3 bps MoM.

Malaysia's headline inflation unexpectedly eased to +1.8% YoY in November (Oct-24: +1.9% YoY). Stronger price growth in food & beverages (+2.6% YoY) and housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels (+3.2% YoY) components were fully offset by the smaller price growth in clothing & footwear (-0.3% YoY), health (+1.2% YoY), transport (+0.4% YoY), and information & communication (-3.9% YoY) components. Nevertheless, core inflation remained steady at +1.8% YoY in November (Oct-24: +1.8% YoY).

Strategy-wise, we have taken a little bit of risk off the table with the rally in the current yield curve. We would remain invested in cash and sukuks, awaiting a better yield in the govvie space to increase our sukuk holdings.

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 75.23 million
Class Size	USD 0.30 million
Units in Circulation (Class H)	0.27 million
NAV per Unit (Class H)	USD 1.1216
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).

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month
	31/12/2023	30/11/2024	30/9/2024	30/6/2024
	To	To	To	To
	31/12/2024	31/12/2024	31/12/2024	31/12/2024
Fund	5.47	0.40	0.98	3.36
Benchmark	5.44	-0.39	-7.21	6.83

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	3 Year	Since Commencement
	31/12/2023	31/12/2021	21/7/2021
	To	To	To
	31/12/2024	31/12/2024	31/12/2024
Fund	5.47	12.50	14.09
Benchmark	5.44	0.44	2.63

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.

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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund	5.47	6.22	0.42	1.41
Benchmark	5.44	-1.37	-3.43	2.18

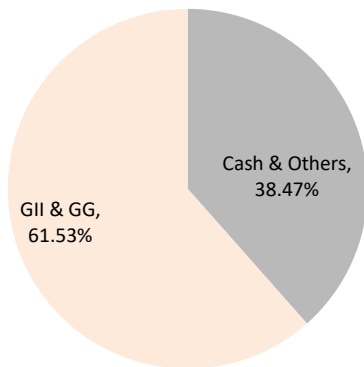
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Asset Allocation*



Top Holdings*

Government of Malaysia	61.53%
Cash & Others	38.47%

Sector Breakdown*

Public Administration	61.53%
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*Presented as a % of NAV as at 31 Dec 2024

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

	2024	2023	2022
Distribution (RM)	0.0060	0.00700	0.00364
Distribution Yield (%)	0.54	0.67	0.37

Disclaimer:

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 30 November 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for the Fund is 8.73 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Refinitiv Lipper). "Low" includes funds with VF that are between 5.095 and 9.145. 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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