



## Monthly Fund Fact Sheet as at 31st August 2017 MIDF AMANAH SHARIAH MONEY MARKET FUND

## September 2017

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the fund is to provide investors with a regular income stream over the short to medium term that complies with Shariah requirements whilst maintaining capital stability.

#### THE FUND IS SUITABLE FOR INVESTORS WHO

Who seek regular income that complies with Shariah requirements with capital stability; have short to medium-term investment horizon; and have low risk tolerance.

## FUND DETAILS (as at August 31, 2017)

RM 505.801 million Fund size Unit NAV RM 0.5000 **Fund Inception** 1 April 2004

15<sup>th</sup> day of October Financial Year End

Management Fee 0.2% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund Trustee Fee Up to 0.05% p.a. of NAV subject to a

minimum fee of RM18,000 p.a.

Initial Service Charge

Redemption Payment Period Within 10 calendar days

Investment Manager MIDF Amanah Asset Management Bhd

## **MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

#### Review

Net selling activities were seen during the month, amid an absence of supportive data releases and cautious sentiment ahead of the upcoming FOMC. Sentiment was also affected by UST movement and global bonds losses spilled over from previous month. Upward yield pressure on local government bond/sukuk continued especially along the 5-y to 10-y papers as UST yields ticked up with the spike in crude oil prices, after Saudi Arabia and Nigeria vowed to cap production to restore market balance.

However, ringgit government bonds/sukuk started to gain in the final week of the month as concerns over hawkish shifts by major central bank dissipated. The gain was also supported by softer June CPI, which moderated to +3.6% y-o-y in previous month. As widely expected, Bank Negara Malaysia held its Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") steady at 3.00%

There were 3 government auctions during the month with total issue size of RM10 billion. Among the auctions, the 7-y MGS benchmark reopening saw firm demand with bid-to-cover ratio of 2.877 times. On the other hand, the 30-y GII amd 10-y MGS reopening garnered softer demand amid the weak secondary market sentiment. The bid-to-cover ratio was at 1.915 times and 1.683 times, respectively.

On monthly basis, the MGS yield curve trend higher by 1 to 8 bps with the 5-, 7- and 10-years closed at 3.70%, 3.91% and 3.99% whilst the 3years fell 9 bps lower to 3.30%, respectively. Meanwhile, the GIIsegment closed mixed with the 4-, 5- and 10-years closed higher by 1 to 4 bps at 3.59%, 3.82% and 4.09% whilst the 7-years edged 5 bps higher to 4.01%.

## **Investment Outlook & Strategy**

On the local front, the local bond market will continue to trade on range bound given there is little catalyst with no fresh leads to move the

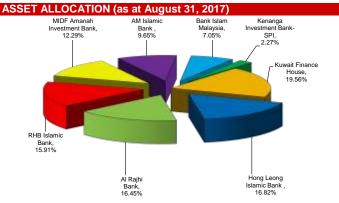
Meanwhile, the series of indicators that may affect OPR appears to have normalised. We opine the upcoming Malaysia's 2QGDP release in August to be the key focus for market players. Growth is expected to remain well anchored from improving external demands due to recovery

seen on the external environment, which translated to better exports trends. Headline inflation is expected to moderate but the trend of headline will be dependent on future global prices which remain highly

In the immediate term, we expect investors focus to shift towards new government auctions. The new 3-y MGS will replace the current MGS 3/19 as the new benchmark which currently carry a short duration of 1.5 years. Given the benchmark nature, demand is expected to be healthy. Given the lack of any positive catalyst, we expect MGS will likely to show some mild weakness. We reckon the 10-y MGS short term resistance level at 4.05%.

The Fund will continue investing in short term Islamic deposits.

#### LARGEST BANKS (as at August 31, 2017) % KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE (MALAYSIA) BERHAD 19.56% HONG LEONG ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD 16.82% AL RAJHI BANK 16.45% RHB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD 15.91% MIDF AMANAH INVESTMENT BANK BERHAD 12.29%



\*as percentage of NAV. Please note that asset exposures for the funds are subject to frequent change on a daily basis.

# FUND PERFORMANCE (as at August 31, 2017) 5.009 4.009 1.009 | Jan | Jan

CALENDAR YEAR RETURN % (as at August 31, 2017)					
	3M	6M	1YR	3YRS	5YRS
FUND	0.53	1.30	2.92	10.46	14.98

Source: Lipper Fund Table (The Edge, September 11, 2017)

Investors are advised to read and understand the prospectus before investing. Among others, investors should consider the fees and charges. The price units and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up. Past performance of the fund should not be taken as indicative of its future performance. Investment in the funds are subjected to credit risk, interest rate risk, and reinvestment risk. A copy of our Master Prospectus dated 1 March 2017 has been registered with the Securities Commission who takes no responsibility of its contents. The prospectus and application form can be obtained at our office. Units will only be issued upon receipt of an application form referred to in and accompanying the prospectus.

<sup>(1)</sup> MIDF Amanah Islamic Bond Fund has been converted to MIDF Amanah Shariah Money Market Fund on 1 January, 2011.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 August 2017, the volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 0.41 and is classified as "very low" (source:Lipper).

<sup>(3)</sup> Volatility Factor (VF) is subjected to monthly changes and Volatility Class (VC) will be revised every six months.

(4) The portfolio composition may change overtime, therefore there is no guarantee that the VF and VC to remain constant.