

## Monthly Fund Fact Sheet as at 30 November 2020

### MIDF AMANAH STRATEGIC FUND

DECEMBER 2020

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to achieve long-term capital growth through investments in smaller, high growth companies which conform to Shariah principles.

#### THE FUND IS SUITABLE FOR INVESTORS WHO:

- Are seeking long term capital growth, who wish their investments to be in line with Shariah principles;
- Are prepared to take on a higher level of risk associated with investment in small-capitalized stocks.

#### FUND DETAILS (as at 30 November 2020)

Fund size	RM 16.139 million
Unit NAV	RM 1.0554
Fund Inception	1 June 1970
Financial Year End	15th day of January
Management Fee	1.5% p.a. of NAV
Trustee Fee	0.08% p.a. of NAV
Initial Service Charge	Up to 5.00% of NAV
Redemption Payment Period	Within 10 calendar days
Investment Manager	MIDF Amanah Asset Management Bhd

#### MANAGER'S COMMENTS

##### Review

November marked as a turning point to the precarious year of 2020 against the backdrop of Covid-19. Markets were greeted by the announcement of three vaccines which are proven effective against the Covid-19 virus and the positive outcome of the US election that fueled a risk-on mood towards risky assets. Taking cue from the generally improving fundamentals and market sentiments, the US stock markets rallied in November. The S&P 500 gained +10.8%, reversing its loss in October as sentiment improved due to easing risks, prompting investors to switch their attention from the technology sector towards value and cyclical stocks in financials, materials, and industrials energy. The Nasdaq and the Dow also rallied in November with both gaining +11.8% respectively, and that the latter recorded its best one-month gain since January 1987.

On the domestic front, Malaysia continued to report high three to four-digits of the Covid-19 cases in November, as the country was still battling to contain the virus. However, despite the high Covid-19 new cases, the partial lockdowns, and lower business activities that came with it, the market's risk-on mode was seen present as investors cheered the news of the vaccines' discoveries. Our markets recovered strongly in November with more greens seen across the board, led by small and mid-cap counters, as reflected in FBM Emas Shariah, Small Cap, and ACE indices which have gained between +3.2% to +14.2% month-on-month ("m-o-m").

At 1,562 points registered at the end of November, the FBMKLCI posted a gain of +6.5% m-o-m, underperforming the FBM Emas which posted a higher gain of +6.8% m-o-m. The FBMKLCI also underperformed the FBM Small Cap Index which has gained +14.2% m-o-m in November 2020 attributed to stronger interest in mid to small cap stocks. Nonetheless, the FBMKLCI outperformed the FBM Hijrah Shariah which registered a gain of +0.6% m-o-m in November 2020 due to weaker performances from the healthcare (mainly the glove makers) and utilities sectors. The FBMKLCI also outperformed the broader FBM Emas Shariah index which registered an increase of +3.2% m-o-m.

#### Investment Outlook & Strategy

The FBMKLCI recovered in November after a three-month losing streak as investors piled into Covid-19 recovery theme following news of a Covid-19 vaccine breakthroughs by Pfizer as well as several other proving effective trials. The availability of a Covid-19 vaccine sparked investor optimism that a return to economic normality is in sight with renewed hopes that the global economy may possibly return to pre-pandemic levels. The overall sentiment was generally boosted by this positive development, resulting in a strong monthly gain which saw the FBMKLCI edged up 95 points in November, +6.5% m-o-m to close at 1,562 points. The gains pared the FBMKLCI's Year-

To-Date ("YTD") losses as at end November to -1.6% vs -7.7% registered in the previous month.

All sectors posted positive m-o-m returns in November 2020. The four sectors that posted the highest gains in November were Energy (+24.0%), Transportation (+15.7%), Finance (+14.9%) and Construction (+12.9%) as investors reacted to the breakthroughs on Covid-19 vaccines by rotating into sectors that are expected to benefit from the projected rebound in the economy.

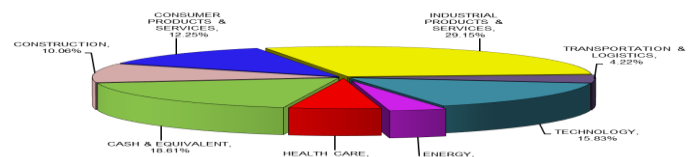
In line with the recovery in economic activities in 3Q2020 (real GDP: +18.1% Quarter-on-Quarter ("Q-o-Q")), corporate earnings staged a strong sequential rebound in the quarter. Generally, sectors that posted core net profit growth both Y-o-Y/Q-o-Q in 3Q20 were Telecommunications, Plantation, Construction, Gloves, Healthcare, Non-Bank Financials and Technology. This came in much better than just three sectors during 2Q20 reporting.

At the level of 1,562 points registered at the end of November, the FBMKLCI trades at 24.1x PER or +2.7 standard deviation from mean. We remain neutral on the equity strategy as prevailing uncertainties remain, not only from the external fronts but also to be driven by domestic volatilities. Nonetheless, our tactical equity exposure is expected to be in the range of between 80% to 85%, higher than the earlier allocation of between 75% to 78%, to take advantage of the renewed improved sentiment and expectations of broader economic recovery sooner than later. In line with our strategy stance, supported by the expansionary National Budget 2021 and expectations of broad economic recovery, we are reiterating our positive calls on Healthcare, Technology, Telecommunication, Utilities and Construction / Infrastructure sectors which will be prioritized in positioning our portfolio in the coming year.

#### LARGEST HOLDINGS (as at 30 November 2020)

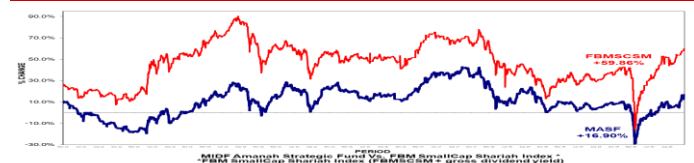
COMPANY	%
P.I.E INDUSTRIAL BHD	8.50%
FOUNDPAC GROUP BHD	7.84%
PERAK TRANSIT BHD	6.74%
KESM INDUSTRIES BHD	6.19%
VITROX CORP. BHD	5.66%

#### ASSET ALLOCATION (as at 30 November 2020)



\*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 30 November 2020)



#### CALENDAR YEAR RETURN % (as at 30 November 2020)

	3M	6M	1YR	3YRS	5YRS
FUND	8.83	19.43	10.60	-11.84	-5.54
FBMSCSM	13.68	30.92	20.56	-4.19	-3.05

\*FBM SmallCap Shariah Index (FBMSCSM + gross dividend yield)

Note: Upon conversion to Shariah fund, benchmark has been changed to FBMSCSM from June 01, 2018 onwards

Source: Lipper Fund Table (The Edge, 13 November 2020)

(1) Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 November 2020, the volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 21.56 and is classified as "very high" (source:Lipper).

(2) Volatility Factor (VF) is subjected to monthly changes and Volatility Class (VC) will be revised every six months.

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