



# Monthly Fund Fact Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

# MIDF AMANAH STRATEGIC FUND

# September 2017

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

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

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

- Are seeking long term capital growth;
- Are prepared to take on a higher level of risk associated with investment in small-capitalized stocks.

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

RM 22.172 million Fund size Unit NAV RM 1.2234 **Fund Inception** 1 June 1970 Financial Year End 15th day of January Management Fee 1.5% p.a. of NAV 0.08% p.a. of NAV Trustee Fee 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**

Malaysian markets had a lacklustre month in August as local indices recorded yet another flattish month with the benchmark FBMKLCI trading sideways for most of the month. Markets started the month off positively, touching a high of 1,782 points before dipping to 1,761 points towards the end of the month albeit temporarily before ending the month up 13points or 0.7% MoM to close at 1,773 points. Despite August being an eventful month for the country with news flows such as the launch of the RM55bn East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project, stronger 2Q GDP growth of 5.8% and KL hosting the 2017 SEA games, most investors stayed away from the market as the 2Q result season came in weaker than expected, causing valuations to spike higher and difficult to justify. The broader markets underperformed the benchmark as the FBM Emas only rose 0.5% MoM to end the month at 12,610 points while the small cap index fell 3.1% MoM to end the month at 16,747 points as average daily trading value for August declined for the 2nd consecutive month, falling 5% MoM to RM1.9bn.

# Investment Outlook & Strategy

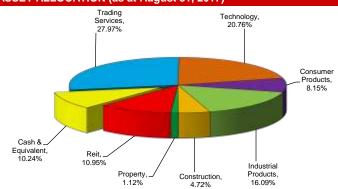
We continue to have an overall positive fundamental undertone to the economy and capital market moving forward but have turned more cautious as we move further into the 3Q which historically & seasonally has the poorest market performance in the year, particularly the small-cap stocks as evidenced by its share price corrections / consolidation now outpacing outperformers on a MoM basis. As highlighted in our earlier reports, the anticipated switching activities continues to unfold itself with market interest switching to laggard mid-and big-cap indexlinked stocks from small caps. However, any technical sell down pressure for our market may be short-lived and supported as been reiterated at length in our long term view of the market reported previously.

Hence, our tactical strategy now remains unchanged that is focusing on locking-in relative and absolute performance ahead, especially on the small-cap stocks. We continue switching to laggard mid-big cap stocks and look to reduce overall portfolio weightings in anticipation of the market continuing to be caught in a trading range. Our strategy of increasing mid to big-cap exposure is currently in motion, especially among the laggard index-linked stocks and high dividend yielders while reducing small cap exposures particularly those that have substantially outperformed the overall market.

Our long term focus will still be on value / growth driven in high dividend yielders, under-valued, recovery, and thematic plays (E-Commerce, General Election, Green Sustainable Energy, IOT disruptors, Logistics, Penang-Sabah-Sarawak infra, Tech-related, Telco, Tourism, Utilities etc.) that will hopefully shield the portfolio relatively better during market corrections while still favourably positioning the portfolio well for the rest of the year.

LARGEST HOLDINGS (as at August 31, 2017)				
COMPANY	%			
VITROX CORP. BHD	8.52%			
PERAK TRANSIT BHD	8.49%			
FOUNDPAC GROUP BHD	8.34%			
YTL HOSP. REIT	6.12%			
PRESTARIANG BHD	5.75%			

## ASSET ALLOCATION (as at August 31, 2017)



\*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)



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURN % (as at August 31, 2017)

	3M	6M	1YR	3YRS	5YRS
FUND	1.70	13.67	17.38	11.92	43.61
FBMSC	-2.72	10.24	10.85	-9.98	36.43

\*FBM SmallCap Index (FBMSC + gross dividend yield)

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 market risk, stock specific risk and liquidity 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> Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 August 2017, the volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 17.17 and is classified as "very high" (source:Lipper).

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

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