

BOND FUND OCTOBER 2018



ALL DATA AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



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FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date: 29 May 2001
Fund Category/Fund Type: Bond/income
Fund Size: RM313,734,674.97
Initial Offer Price: RM0.5000
NAV per Unit: RM0.6744
EPF Investment Scheme: Yes

FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES

Annual Management Fee:
Up to 1.00% of the NAV per annum

Annual Trustee Fee:
Up to 0.08% of the NAV per annum, subject to a minimum of RM30,000 per annum

Sales Charge: Nil

Redemption charge: Nil

Redemption Payment Period: Ten (10) calendar days

TRANSACTION DETAILS

Minimum Initial Investment:
Lump Sum: RM1000*
Regular Investment: RM100*

Minimum Additional Investment:
Lump Sum & Regular Investment: RM100*

* The Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts stipulated above from time to time

DISTRIBUTIONS

Income Distribution Policy:
At least once a year, subject to the availability of income

Fund NAV:

	NAV	Date
52-Week High	0.6815	26-12-2017
52-Week Low	0.6546	28-12-2017

FUND MANAGER

Fund Manager: EastSpring Investments Berhad

AWARDS / RATINGS

The Edge-Thomson Reuters Lipper Malaysia Fund Awards 2018
Best Bond MYR - Malaysia Pension, 3 years

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to provide investors with a steady stream of income returns by investing principally in a portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities with exposure in non-investment grade fixed income securities which yield above average returns.

ASSET ALLOCATION



1. AA3	17.82%	8. AA3 (S)	4.81%
2. AA1	14.93%	9. AAA (S)	4.38%
3. Cash & cash equivalents	13.01%	10. AA2	3.68%
4. A1	12.27%	11. A2	1.62%
5. NR(Govt)	10.26%	12. AA2 (S)	1.17%
6. AA- IS	9.06%	13. B- IS	0.11%
7. AAA	6.88%		

* as percentage of NAV.

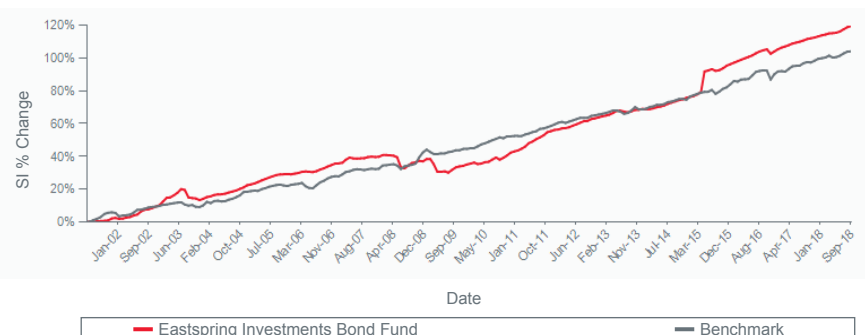
TOP HOLDINGS

1. Affin Bank Berhad	8.40%	4. Mumtaz Rakyat Sukuk Berhad	4.81%
2. Government Of Malaysia	6.34%	5. Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional	3.92%
3. Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd	5.18%		

* as percentage of NAV.

FUND PERFORMANCE

EastSpring Investments Bond Fund - Since Inception (SI) Return Vs Benchmark



The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested

Source: Lipper for Investment Management. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

PERFORMANCE TABLE

	1 month	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
Fund	0.31%	2.09%	3.76%	13.99%	31.11%	119.56%
Benchmark *	0.08%	1.27%	3.30%	13.71%	21.42%	104.09%
Lipper Ranking	34 of 55	36 of 54	37 of 52	24 of 49	4 of 44	n.a.

Lipper Fund Category: Bond MYR

* Quant Shop Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) Medium Index

Fund performance and Lipper ranking are sourced from Lipper for Investment Management and the benchmark is from www.quantshop.com, 30 September 2018. Performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") to NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

LIPPER LEADERS RATING (OVERALL)

Total Return	Consistent Return	Preservation	Lipper Leaders Key
③	③	④	Lowest Highest ① ⑤

The Lipper Leaders Ratings System is a set of tools that guide investors and their advisors to select funds that suit individual investment styles and goals. It uses investors-centred criteria to deliver a simple, clear description of a fund's success in meeting certain goals, such as preserving capital or building wealth through consistent strong returns.

Lipper Leader ratings are derived from highly sophisticated formulas that analyse funds against clearly defined criteria. Each fund is ranked against its peers based on the metric used (such as Total Return or Expense), and then the top 20% of funds in that ranking receive the Lipper Leader designation. Lipper Leaders measures are not predictive of future performance, but they do provide context and perspective for making knowledgeable fund investment decisions.

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

US Federal Reserve ("Fed") increased its benchmark rates by 25bps to 2.00%-2.25% in September, the third time in 2018. US Policymakers upgraded its expectation for economic growth for 2018 to 3.1% from 2.8% projection made earlier while continue to project one last rate hike for the year and by another three hikes in 2019.

Trade tension between US and China continue to escalate further as both countries have imposed new tariffs. Global investors continue to remain wary of the instability as this trade dispute may trigger huge financial repercussions. Malaysia's trade may also be affected by this trade dispute in the short-term but may eventually gain from trade diversion away from China, given high similarity in export structure with China.

On the domestic front, investors will be scrutinizing the upcoming Budget 2019 which will be tabled by the Malaysian Government on 2nd November. This will be the first budget under the new Government which may present an opportunity for an overhaul and reform of the economy. Investors expect the Government to maintain its fiscal prudence and at the same time continue to address the welfare of the people and needs for nation's growth.

Overall, Malaysia's sovereign bond market is expected to remain volatile ahead of (1) intensifying US-China trade war, (2) rising interest rates in the US, and (3) further policy clarity from the newly elected government on matters such as the future direction in managing public finance.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Value
Average Duration (years)	3.86
Average Yield to Maturity (%)	4.46

Note: This portfolio represents the Fixed Income portion of the Fund.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fund (%)	3.18	3.96	11.71	3.96	4.51
Benchmark (%)	1.94	3.44	5.38	3.38	4.95
Date/Distribution (RM)	30 Jan, 0.0160	29 Jan, 0.0223 30 Dec, 0.0235	29 Dec, 0.0340	27 Dec, 0.0272	27 Dec, 0.0271
Unit Split	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution Yield (%)	2.58	3.64, 3.70	5.00	4.00	4.00
12-Month FD Average (MBB%)	3.15	3.20	3.30	-	-

Source: Distribution and Distribution Yield are sourced from the fund's Annual Report. Fund and Benchmark for current year are based on Year to Date (YTD) figures which is sourced from Lipper for Investment Management. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 31 August 2018, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this Fund is 1.2 and is classified as "Very Low" (Source: Lipper). "Very Low" generally includes funds with VF that are higher than 0.000 but not more than 1.885. The VF means that 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 Lipper based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six (6) months. The VF for the Fund may be higher or lower than the VC, depending on the market conditions. 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.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Eastspring Investments Master Prospectus dated 15 July 2017, the Eastspring Investments First Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2018 (collectively, the "Prospectuses"), as well as the Fund's Product Highlights Sheet ("PHS") before investing. The Prospectuses and PHS are available at offices of Eastspring Investments Berhad or its authorised distributors and investors have the right to request for a copy of the Prospectuses and PHS.

The Prospectuses have been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. Units will only be issued upon receipt of the application form accompanying the Prospectuses. Past performance of the Fund is not an indication of the Fund's future performance. Unit prices and distribution payable, if any, may go down as well as up. Where a unit split/distribution is declared, investors are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit will be reduced from pre-unit split NAV/cum-distribution NAV to post-unit split NAV/ex-distribution NAV. Where a unit split is declared, investors are advised that the value of their investment in Malaysian Ringgit will remain unchanged after the issue of the additional units. Investments in the Fund are exposed to credit or default risk and interest rate risk. Investors are advised to consider these risks and other general risks as elaborated in the Prospectuses as well as fees, charges and expenses involved before investing.

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