



## MONTHLY COMMENTARY OF TARGET FUND

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**FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Maybank Asian Credit Income Fund - SGD (Hedged) Class ("MACISGDH" or "the Fund") is a feeder fund that aims to maximise investment returns by investing in the Target Fund, the Maybank Asian Income Fund.

Any material change to the investment objective of the Fund would require the Unit Holders' approval.

**FUND INFORMATION**

**Fund Category**

Feeder fund

**Fund Type**

Fixed Income

**Launch Date**

7-Jul-20

**Benchmark**

JP Morgan Asian Credit Index

**NAV Per Unit**

SGD 0.9989

**Class Size**

SGD 0.89 million

**Feeder Fund (Total Size)**

RM 131.77 million

**Target Fund Size**

USD 134.90 million

**Distribution Policy**

Distribution will be incidental for the first financial year. Thereafter, distribution will be on a bi-monthly basis, i.e. every two months (subject to the availability of income).

**Initial Offer Price (IOP)**

SGD 1.0000

**Sales Charge**

Up to 3.00% of the NAV per Unit

**Redemption Charge**

Nil

**Annual Management Fee**

Up to 1.25% per annum of the NAV of each Class.

**Annual Trustee Fee**

0.06% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), accrued daily and paid monthly to the Trustee.

**Min. Initial Investment**

SGD1,000 or such other lower amount as determined by the Manager from time to time.

**Min. Additional Investment**

SGD100 or such other lower amount as determined by the Manager from time to time.

**Cut-off time for injection / Withdrawal**

4.00 p.m. on a Business Day as stated in Prospectus / Information Memorandum. Do note that times may differ from respective distributors.

**Period of payment after withdrawal**

Within 10 calendar days

**Financial Year End**

30-Apr

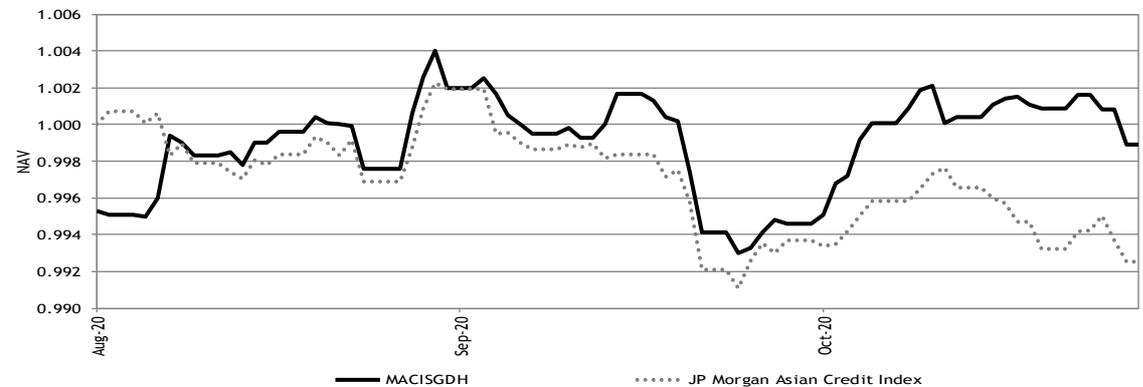
**Portfolio Yield (Target Fund)**

4.06%

**Portfolio Duration (Target Fund)**

4.20 years

**Price Movement Chart as at 31-Oct-20**



\*\* NAV - NAV price from 06 Aug 20 - 31 Oct 20, income reinvested, calculated in SGD  
\*\* Inclusive of distribution since inception (if any)  
Source: Novagni Analytics and Advisory Sdn. Bhd.

**Performance (%) Return as at 31-Oct-20**

Total Return	YTD	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	SI
Fund	0.36	0.48	-	-	-	-	-	0.36
Benchmark*	-0.75	-0.10	-	-	-	-	-	-0.75

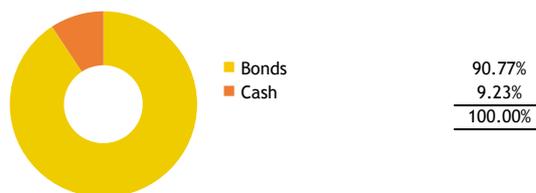
  

	Annualised Return			Calendar Year Return				
	3 Yr	5 Yr	SI	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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\*JACIOSG INDEX

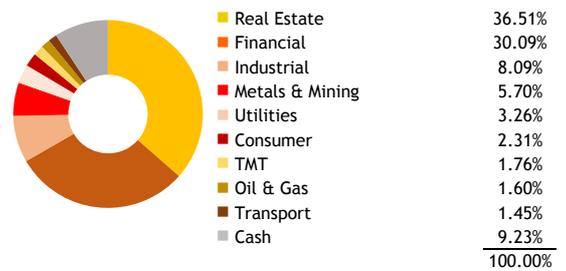
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**Asset Allocation (Feeder Fund) as at 31-Oct-20**



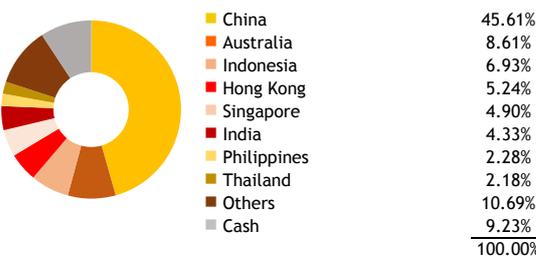
Source: Maybank Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

**Sector Allocation (Target Fund) as at 31-Oct-20**



Source: Maybank Asian Income Fund

**Country Allocation (Target Fund) as at 31-Oct-20**



Source: Maybank Asian Income Fund

**Top 10 Holdings (Target Fund) as at 31-Oct-20**

SCENTRE GROUP TR 4.375% 20-28/05/2030	1.82%
QBE INSURANCE 20-31/12/2060 FRN	1.73%
BP CAPITAL PLC 20-31/12/2060 FRN	1.43%
AUST & NZ BANK 16-29/12/2049	1.39%
CREDIT SUISSE 20-31/12/2060 FRN	1.21%
POWER FIN CORP 3.9% 19-16/09/2029	1.16%
BAYAN RESOURCES 6.125% 20-24/01/2023	1.15%
NATL AUSTRALIABK 2.332% 20-21/08/2030	1.11%
SHIMAO PROPERTY 5.6% 19-15/07/2026	1.06%
RONSHINE CHINA 8.1% 19-09/06/2023	1.06%

Source: Maybank Asian Income Fund

**(Target Fund) Characteristics**

Average Rating BBB-/BB+

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