

**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET** 

# MAYBANK FLEXI INCOME FUND ("the Fund")

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## 1. What is Maybank Flexi Income Fund?

The Fund is Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd's fixed income fund. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark by investing in a portfolio of fixed income securities, equities, real estate investments trusts ("REITs") and/or exchange-traded funds ("ETFs").

## 2. Fund Suitability

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- · have long term investment horizon;
- · seek long term consistent returns; and
- are willing to tolerate the risks associated with investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities, equities, REITs and/or ETFs.

## 3. Investment Objective

The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark by investing in a portfolio of fixed income securities, equities, REITs and/or ETFs.

# 4. Key Product Features

Fund Type	Income.			
Fund Category	Fixed income.			
	70% Maybank 12-month fixed deposits rate + 30% MSCI Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index.			
	The customised benchmark is a combination of Maybank 12-month fixed deposit rate, weighting at 70% for the fixed income investments and MSCI Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index, weighting at 30% for equities, REITs and/or ETFs investments.			
Performance Benchmark	As there are no direct indices to track a similar strategy that the Fund plans to implement, the external investment manager ("EIM") has decided to proceed with a customised composite benchmark to reflect the Fund's investment strategy. The EIM believes that the aforementioned weighting for the indices reflect the Fund's investment strategy and asset allocation.			
	Sources: Maybank 12-month deposit rate at http://www.maybank2u.com.my and MSCI Asia Pacific Ex Japan Index at http://www.msci.com. Note: The risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark			
Investment	The Fund will invest at least 70% of its net asset value ("NAV") in fixed income securities and/or liquid assets and not more than 30% if its NAV in equities, REITs and/or ETFs.			
Strategy	The Fund may employ currency and interest rate hedging strategies by utilising currency forwards to fully or partially hedge the foreign currency exposure to manage the currency risk. Furthermore, the Fund may also use futures to fully or partially hedge the interest rate risk inherent in the investment of fixed income securities.			
	The Fund's investments in foreign markets are limited to eligible markets where the regulatory authority is an ordinary or associate member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions.			
	Note: Please refer to section 3 in the prospectus for further details.			
Launch Date	28 November 2019.			
Manager	Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd.			
Management Fee	USD Class MYR Class MYR (Hedged) SGD (Hedged) AUD (Hedged) Class Class			
Up to 1.50% per annum of the NAV of each class.				
	USD Class MYR Class MYR (Hedged) SGD (Hedged) AUD (Hedged) Class Class			
	Up to 3.00% of the NAV per unit.			
Sales Charge	Note:			
	The Manager reserves the right to waive or reduce the switching fee from time to time at its absolute discretion. Investors may negotiate for a lower sales charge. All sales charge will be rounded up to two (2) decimal places. Sales charge will be retained by the Manager.			
Redemption Charge	Nil.			



	USD Class	MYR Class	MYR (Hedged) Class	SGD (Hedged) Class	AUD (Hedged) Class	
Switching Fee	USD10.00 per	RM10.00 per	RM10.00 per	SGD10.00 per	AUD10.00 per	
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Switching Fee	(2) In addition to t	Notes: (1) The Manager reserves the right to waive the switching fee.				
	USD Class	MYR Class	MYR (Hedged) Class	SGD (Hedged) Class	AUD (Hedged) Class	
	USD10.00 per	RM10.00 per	RM10.00 per	SGD10.00 per	AUD10.00 per	
Transfer Fee	transfer.	transfer.	transfer.	transfer.	transfer.	
Transfer rec	Notes: (1) The Manager reserves the right to waive the transfer fee. (2) The Manager reserves the right to decline any transfer request if such transfer will expose the Manager to any liability and/or will contravene any law or regulatory requirements, whether or not having the force of law.					
Trustee	TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad.					
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.04% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges) accrued daily and paid monthly to the Trustee.					
External Investment Manager	Maybank Asset Management Singapore Pte. Ltd.					
Minimum Initial	USD Class	MYR Class	MYR (Hedged) Class	SGD (Hedged) Class	AUD (Hedged) Class	
Investment	USD1,000	RM1,000	RM1,000	SGD1,000	AUD1,000	
	or such other amount as determined by the Manager from time to time.				1102 1,000	
Minimum	USD Class	MYR Class	MYR (Hedged) Class	SGD (Hedged) Class	AUD (Hedged) Class	
Additional Investment	USD100	RM100	RM100	SGD100	AUD100	
or such other amount as deter			by the Manager fro	m time to time.		
Minimum Holdings	1,000 units or such other number of units as determined by the Manager from time to time.					
Distribution	Subject to availabi	lity of income, dist	ribution will be ma	ade on a quarterly	basis.	
Policy	Distribution will be made from realised income and/or gain.					

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#### 5. Asset Allocation

Asset Type	% of the Fund's NAV
Fixed income securities and/or liquid assets	A minimum of 70%
Equities, REITs and/or ETFs	Up to 30%

## 6. Key Risks Specific Risks of the Fund

# Credit and Default Risk

Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the fixed income securities and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer may impact the value as well as liquidity of the fixed income securities. In the case of rated fixed income securities, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of the fixed income security is unable to make timely or full payments of interest and/or principal when due. In the event of a default in payment of principal and/or interest, this may cause a reduction in the value of the Fund. The Manager will endeavour to take the necessary steps to deal with the investments in the best interest of the unit holders including to dispose of the defaulted investments within a time frame deemed reasonable by the Manager.



#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of fixed income securities. When interest rates rise, fixed income securities prices generally decline, and this may lower the market value of the Fund's investment in fixed income securities. The reverse may apply when interest rates fall.

In order to mitigate interest rate risk, the Manager will need to manage the fixed income portfolio by taking into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the fixed income securities.

## Stock Specific Risk

Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the Fund's NAV.

#### Country Risk

Investments of the Fund in any countries may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the Fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the Fund or prices of units to fall.

#### Currency Risk

As the base currency of the Fund is denominated in USD and the currency denomination of the classes may be denominated in other than USD, the classes not denominated in USD are exposed to currency risk. Any fluctuation in the exchange rates between USD and the currency denomination of the class (other than USD Class) will affect the unit holder's investments in those classes (other than USD Class). The impact of the exchange rate movement between the base currency of the Fund and the currency denomination of the class (other than USD Class) may result in a depreciation of the unit holder's holdings as expressed in the base currency of the Fund.

In order to manage currency risk, the Manager may employ currency hedging strategies to fully or partially hedge the foreign currency exposure of the class not denominated in USD. However, every hedge comes with a cost and will be borne by the respective class.

Currency hedging may reduce the effect of the exchange rate movement for the class being hedged (other than USD Class and MYR Class) but it does not entirely eliminate currency risk between the class and the base currency of the Fund. The unhedged portion of the class will still be affected by the exchange rate movements and it may cause fluctuation of NAV of the class. Unit holders should note that if the exchange rate moves favourably, the class (other than USD Class and MYR Class) will not benefit from any upside in currency movement due to the hedging strategy. In addition, hedging is subject to a minimum size of entering into a hedging contract and the cost of hedging may affect returns of the hedged class.

## External Investment Manager Risk

The Manager has no direct influence or control over the EIM's investment technique, knowledge or management expertise. In the event of mismanagement of the investments by the EIM, the NAV of the Fund would be affected negatively. The Fund would also be affected should there be any unresolved dispute between the EIM and the Manager. Although the probability of such occurrence is minor, should the situation arise, the Manager reserves the right to seek an alternative external fund manager to manage the Fund in a manner that is consistent with the objective of the Fund.

## High Yield and Unrated Fixed Income Securities Risk

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its NAV in unrated global fixed income securities as well as up to 100% of its NAV in foreign currency denominated fixed income securities with a minimum rating of "B2" by Moody's or its equivalent rating by other international rating agencies. Investors should be aware that unrated global fixed income securities and fixed income securities rated below "Baa3" are considered non-investment grade fixed income securities (also known as "junk bonds" or "high yield bonds") are generally considered to be speculative and more sensitive to adverse changes in market condition. The aforementioned fixed income securities are generally being subject to greater levels of interest rate risk and default risk as compared to investment-grade fixed income securities. Such fixed income securities generally experience greater price volatility and usually lacks liquidity in the secondary market in comparison to those of higher credit quality, which in turn may adversely affect the value of these fixed income securities and the value of the Fund.

## **Emerging and Frontier Markets Risk**

The Fund may invest in emerging and frontier markets which exhibit lower levels of capital market development when compared to those of developed markets. Given the fast-changing investment landscape of emerging and frontier markets, areas such as accounting standards, legal and business environment in emerging and frontier markets may be less organised when compared to developed markets, increasing the risks of investing in emerging and frontier markets. Generally, investment returns in emerging and frontier



markets are expected to be more volatile than those in developed markets, resulting in potentially higher investment risk that may affect the Fund's returns. In addition to conducting investment research, such emerging and frontier markets risks may be mitigated by diversifying the Fund's exposures across various markets and geographic regions.

#### **Derivatives Risk**

Derivatives, if any, will only be used for the purpose of hedging the Fund's portfolio from certain anticipated losses such as those resulting from unfavourable exchange rate and interest rate movements. However, every hedge comes with a cost. In a move to mitigate the risk of uncertainty, the Fund is now exposed to the risk of opportunity loss. Once hedged, the Fund cannot take full advantage of favourable exchange rate and interest rate movements. If the exposure which the Fund is hedging against makes money, the act of hedging would have typically reduced the potential returns of the Fund. On the other hand, if the exposure which the Fund is hedging against losses money, the act of hedging would have reduced the loss, if successfully hedged.

#### Risk Associated with Investment in REITs and ETFs

Investing in REITs involves many of the same risks associated with direct ownership of real estate, including but not limited to possible declines in real estate's value, increase in interest rates and real estate borrowing costs, changes in property taxes, higher operating expenses, and damages from natural or man-made disasters and fall in market rental rates. Financial leverage or debt financing (i.e. the use of borrowed money to increase exposure to investments without an increase in equity capital) may magnify both gains and losses of the REITs or profit and loss of companies in real estate sector. Consequently, these REITs prices may exhibit higher price volatility and thus, increase the volatility of the Fund's NAV.

ETFs are collective investment schemes designed to track a particular commodity, index or portfolio of securities, and are listed on a stock exchange. The following are the key risk of investing in ETFs:

Tracking Error

ETFs are in general, designed to track or replicate the performance of a particular index. However, exact replication may not be possible owing to factors such as:

- i) fees and expenses of the ETF;
- ii) foreign exchange movements;
- iii) the ETF may not have been construed to be exactly the same as the index, thus resulting in differences between the weighting of securities in the index and the ETF. This is due to the fact that certain securities in the index may have been omitted from the ETF's holdings or securities not in the index may be included in the ETF. Consequently, there is some divergence between the return of the ETF and the index; and
- iv) corporate actions such as right issues.
- ETF Trading at a Premium or Discount

ETFs are traded on both the primary (not a publicly traded market and only via participating dealers) and secondary market (generally on a stock exchange). While the net asset value of the ETF is a key factor influencing the price of the ETF, it is also determined by the investors' supply and demand on the secondary market. Thus, an ETF may be traded on the secondary market at a price that is at a discount or a premium to the net asset value of the ETF portfolio. This discrepancy may be accentuated in uncertain or volatile financial/economic conditions.

Any adverse price movement of such REITs and ETFs will adversely affect the Fund's NAV.

Investors are reminded that the risks listed above may not be exhaustive and if necessary, they should consult their adviser(s), e.g. their bankers, lawyers, stockbrokers or independent professional advisers for a better understanding of the risks.

For more details, please refer to section 3 in the prospectus for the general risks of investing in the Fund.

Note: If a unit holder's investments are made through an institutional unit trust adviser ("Distributor") which adopts the nominee system of ownership, the unit holder would not be deemed to be a unit holder under the deed and as a result, the unit holder's rights as an investor may be limited. Accordingly, the Manager will only recognize the Distributor as a unit holder of the Fund and the Distributor shall be entitled to all the rights conferred to it under the deed.

### 7. Valuation of Investment

The Fund is valued once every business day after the close of the market in which the portfolio of the Fund is invested for the relevant day but not later than the end of the next business day.

As such, the daily price of the Fund for a particular business day will not be published on the next business day but will instead be published 2 business days later (i.e., the price will be 2 days old).



Investors will be able to obtain the unit price of the Fund from <a href="www.maybank-am.com.my">www.maybank-am.com.my</a>. Alternatively, the Manager's client servicing personnel can be contacted at 03-2297 7888.

8. Exiting from Investment

Submission of Redemption Request	The cut-off time for redemption of units shall be at <b>4.00 p.m.</b> on a business day.  Note: The Manager's distributors may have an earlier cut-off time for receiving applications in respect of any dealing in Units. Please check with the respective distributors for their respective cut-off time.
Payment of Redemption Proceeds	Redemption proceeds will be paid out within ten (10) calendar days from the date the redemption request is received by the Manager.
Remittance of Redemption Proceeds	The Manager shall remit the redemption proceeds to the account held in the name of the unit holder(s).

For both creation and redemption of units, the Manager shall not be held responsible for any delay or loss incurred in the event of:

- Real Time Electronic Transfer of Funds and Securities (RENTAS) experiencing problems;
- Any remittance of funds that does not correspond with the request promptly;
- Inaccurate details (including but not limited to identity card number and account number) provided by unit holders; or
- Circumstances beyond the control of the Manager or the Trustee.

#### 9. Fund Performance

# Average total return of MFIF for the financial year ended 31 August

USD Class	Since inception
MFIF (%)	3.00
Benchmark (%)	2.24

MYR Class	Since inception
MFIF (%)	4.17
Benchmark (%)	2.65

MYR (Hedged) Class	Since inception
MFIF (%)	3.08
Benchmark (%)	2.24

SGD (Hedged) Class	Since inception
MFIF (%)	2.47
Benchmark (%)	2.24

AUD (Hedged) Class	Since inception
MFIF (%)	2.99
Benchmark (%)	2.24

The average total return of the Fund is based on the following calculation:

Performance return = NAV t - NAV t-1 NAV t-1

Annualised performance return =  $(1+performance return)^{-} \left( \frac{\text{number of period per year}}{\text{total no. of periods}} \right) - 1$ 

NAV t refers to NAV at the end of the period.

NAV t-1 refers to NAV at the beginning of the period.

#### Annual total return for the financial years ended 31 August

USD Class	2020*
MFIF (%)	3.00
Benchmark (%)	2.24

MYR Class	2020*
MFIF (%)	4.17
Benchmark (%)	2.65

MYR (Hedged) Class	2020*
MFIF (%)	3.08
Benchmark (%)	2.24

SGD (Hedged) Class	2020*
MFIF (%)	2.47
Benchmark (%)	2.24

AUD (Hedged) Class	2020*
MFIF (%)	2.99
Benchmark (%)	2.24

Note: \*Period from 27 December 2019 (commencement date)

# The total return of the Fund is based on the following calculation:

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Capital return =	NAV per unit at the end of the period NAV per unit at the beginning of the period	-1	
Income return =	<u>Income distribution per unit</u> NAV per unit on ex-date		
Total return =	(1 + Capital return) x (1 + Income return) - 1		

# Since Inception Fund Performance Review

USD Class registered a total return of 3.00% against its benchmark's return of 2.24%, thus outperformed the benchmark by 0.76%.

MYR Class registered a total return of 4.17% against its benchmark's return of 2.65%, thus outperformed the benchmark by 1.52%.

MYR (Hedged) Class registered a total return of 3.08% against its benchmark's return of 2.24%, thus outperformed the benchmark by 0.84%.

SGD (Hedged) Class registered a total return of 2.47% against its benchmark's return of 2.24%, thus outperformed the benchmark by 0.23%.

AUD (Hedged) Class registered a total return of 2.99% against its benchmark's return of 2.24%, thus outperformed the benchmark by 0.75%.

## Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) as at 31 August

	2020
PTR (times)	2.47

## Distribution as at 31 August

USD Class	2020
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil

MYR Class	2020
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil



MYR (Hedged) Class	2020
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil

SGD (Hedged) Class	2020
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil

AUD (Hedged) Class	2020
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil

#### PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE

#### 10. Contact Information

I. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact:

Clients Servicing Personnel
Tel: 03-2297 7888
Fax: 03-2715 0071

Email : <u>mamcs@maybank.com.my</u>
Website : <u>www.maybank-am.com</u>

II. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC):

a. via phone to : 03-2282 2280
b. via fax to : 03-2282 3855
c. via email to : info@sidrec.com.my

d. via letter to : Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)

Unit A-9-1, Level 9, Tower A

Menara UOA Bangsar

No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1

59000 Kuala Lumpur

III. You can also direct your complaint to the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

a. via phone to : 03-6204 8999b. via fax to : 03-6204 8991

c. via email to : <u>aduan@seccom.com.my</u>

d. via the online complaint form available at www.sc.com.my

e.via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office

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IV. Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

a. via phone to : 03-2092 3800b. via fax to : 03-2093 2700

c. via email to : complaints@fimm.com.my

d. via the online complaint form available at www.fimm.com.my

e. via letter to : Legal, Secretarial & Regulatory Affairs

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