

A Prudential plc company

#### FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date: 29 May 2001

Fund Category/Fund Type: Balanced/growth and income

Fund Size: RM50 605 055 90

Initial Offer Price: RM0.5000

NAV per Unit: RM0.9302

EPF Investment Scheme: Yes

ISIN No: MYU940000AC7

#### FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES

Annual Management Fee: Up to 1.50% of the NAV per annum

Annual Trustee Fee: Up to 0.08% of the NAV per annum subject to a minimum of RM35,000 per annum

Sales Charge: Direct: Up to 5.26% of the NAV per Unit

e-PPA: 3.0% of the NAV per Unit i-Invest: 0.5% of NAV per Unit

#### Redemption charge: Nil

Redemption Payment Period: Seven (7) business 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	1.0221	17-07-2024		
52-Week Low	0.8863	09-04-2025		

#### FUND MANAGER

#### Eastspring Investments Berhad

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# **BALANCED FUND** MAY 2025



2.93% 2.11% 1.74%

1.71%

1.53% 1.44%

1.30%

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13.28%

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2.11%

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ALL DATA AS AT 30 APRIL 2025 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to provide investors with capital appreciation and a reasonable level of current income by investing in a mixed portfolio of companies with good dividend yield and low price volatility and a portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION\***



1. Securities Banking & Finance 2 3. Power / Utilities 4 Telecommunication

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Unquoted Fixed Income	45.53%	9. Property
Securities		10. Technology
Banking & Finance	17.35%	11. Conglomerate
Power / Utilities	5.57%	12. Manufacturing
Telecommunication	5.16%	13. Consumer
Plantation / Natural Resources	3.70%	14. Transportation
Cash & cash equivalents	3.32%	15. Oil and Gas
Construction	3.05%	16. Building Materials
Health Care	3.00%	

**Bond Holdings** 

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\* as percentage of NAV

## **TOP HOLDINGS\***

#### Equity Holdings

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Public Bank Berhad	4.64%	1.	United Overseas Bank (Malaysia)
Malayan Banking Berhad	4.54%		Berhad
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	4.52%	2.	Government Of Malaysia
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	4.00%	3.	GENM Capital Berhad
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	1.83%	4.	Bumitama Agri Ltd

\* as percentage of NAV

## FUND PERFORMANCE

Eastspring Investments Balanced Fund - Since Inception (SI) Return Vs Benchmark

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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	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Fund	0.48%	-2.15%	-4.63%	-1.97%	5.80%	31.72%	39.99%	485.85%
Benchmark *	0.55%	-1.97%	-4.00%	-0.07%	4.72%	14.77%	11.32%	160.30%
Lipper Ranking	2 of 20	6 of 20	6 of 20	15 of 20	17 of 20	14 of 20	8 of 19	n.a.

Lipper Fund Category: Mixed Asset MYR Bal - Malaysia

\* 50% Financial Times Stock Exchange Bursa Malaysia 100 Index (FBM100) + 50% Maybank 12-month fixed deposit rate Fund performance and Lipper ranking are sourced from Lipper for Investment Management and the benchmark is from www.bursamalaysia.com and www.maybank2u.com.my, 30 April 2025. 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
 2	2	4	Lowest ① Highest ⑤

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## FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

#### Equity

Equity The month of April kicked off with "Liberation" Day, as President Donald Trump declared a national economic emergency and announced a new set of reciprocal tariffs on April 2nd. A minimum of 10% tariff was announced on imports from all US trading partners and there was also additional reciprocal tariffs that was supposed to become effective from 9 April which was then put on hold for 90 days except for China which was imposed a higher tariff at 145%. Malaysia fared better than regional peers as other than Singapore and the Philippines, the announced reciprocal tariffs imposed by the US was relatively lower. China's President Xi Jin Ping was in Malaysia for a 3-day visit, where a total of 31 MoUs were signed across sectors such as communications, transport, education and artificial intelligence. During the month, foreign outflows continued for the 7th consecutive month since Oct 2024 of RM1.9b (Apr 2025), bringing YTD foreign outflows of RM11.9b. The KLCl closed the month at 1,540.22, up 1.76% mom. The FBM Small Cap index declined 1.57% for the month, underperforming the KLCl. The best performing sectors were Telecommunication (+4.9%) and Consumer (+4.2%). The worst performing sectors were Oil & Gas (-9.2%) and Transport (-5.3%). Average value traded on Bursa in April was RM2405m lower by 15.9% mom.

#### Fixed Income

The headline inflation in Malaysia was 1.4% in March 2025 (Feb: 1.5%), and its core inflation rate remained steady at 1.9%. Unemployment rate was steadied at 3.1% as of February 2025. BNM international reserves amounted to US\$ 118.4bn as of 15 April 2025 (28 Mar: US\$117.5bn). The reserves position is sufficient to finance 4.9 months of imports and is 0.9x of the total short-term external debt. The Ringgit appreciated by 2.6% against USD, closing at 4.3175 (March: 4.433), as USD has been weakening due to uncertainty around tariffs, inflation and interest rates in the U.S.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Value
Average Duration (years)	3.04
Average Yield to Maturity (%)	3.84

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

## OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Annual Fund Performance (%)	20.40	-1.61	-1.65	4.43	10.09
Annual Benchmark Performance (%)	3.35	-1.12	-1.49	1.87	9.59
Date/Distribution (RM)	17 Dec, 0.0363	20 Dec, 0.0302	16 Dec, 0.0376	15 Dec, 0.0414	16 Dec, 0.0396
Unit Split	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution Yield (%)	3.38	3.06	3.95	4.31	3.94
12-Month FD Average (MBB%)	2.18	1.85	2.27	3.02	3.10

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 30 April 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this Fund is 6.5 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Lipper). "Low" generally includes funds with VF that are higher than 4.73 but not more than 9.185. 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. 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.

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