Participate in Long-Term Growth Potential of **Domestic Islamic Market**



nvestors who wish to participate in the long-term growth potential of Shariah-compliant stocks primarily within the domestic market may consider investing in Public e-Islamic Growth Fund (PelGRF).

PelGRF is a domestic Islamic equity fund which aims to achieve capital growth over the long term by investing 75% to 98% of its net asset value (NAV) in Shariah-compliant stocks of companies with high earnings growth potential over the long term. The balance of the Fund's NAV will be invested in sukuk and Islamic liquid assets.

To achieve diversification and tap into the broader array of investment opportunities available overseas, PelGRF may invest up to 25% of its NAV in selected foreign markets, which include the United States (U.S.), China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and other permitted markets.

PelGRF, which is offered under the Public e-Series of Shariah-based Funds, also provides investors with the convenience of making their investments through the Public Mutual Online (PMO) platform with a minimum initial investment amount of RM100.

Economic & Stock Market Outlook

Malaysia's economy is projected to recover by 3.0%-4.0% this year and further expand by 5.5%-6.5% in 2022 on the back of stronger private consumption and investment spending, underpinned by the re-opening of the economy as well as continued fiscal stimulus measures to support domestic demand. This improved growth trajectory is expected to lend support to the domestic stock market, which is currently trading at undemanding valuations and offers a decent dividend yield of around 4%.

Meanwhile, the regional and global stock markets are expected to be supported by the improved global economic outlook and positive corporate earnings growth amid the continued lifting of movement restrictions globally, coupled with new productivity growth spurred on by technological advancements.

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Figure 1: Malaysia's GDP Growth Trend

Source: Projections by the Ministry of Finance

Sectors that PeIGRF May Invest in

PelGRF invests primarily in the domestic market and, to a certain extent, the foreign markets, focusing on Shariah-compliant equities that offer attractive growth prospects. These may include, but are not limited to, Shariah-compliant stocks within the technology and industrial sectors which are poised to benefit from the digitalisation trend, as well as selected Shariah-compliant stocks within the consumer and healthcare sectors.

In the technology space, the Fund may look to invest in selected local technology companies that support the global technology ecosystem in the fields of back-end packaging and testing, electronic components, as well as electronics manufacturing services (EMS) / original design manufacturing (ODM). The Fund may also be positioned in global technology firms that are major players within their respective sub-segments – be it in hardware, software or services.

Meanwhile, the rapid digitalisation of the industrial sector is expected to enhance productivity and improve cost savings. The Fund may look to participate in companies which provide industrial automation solutions in terms of infrastructure (machinery automation, robotics), software and/or services.

Domestic consumer stocks are seeing positive and resilient earnings momentum amid the lifting of lockdown restrictions and continued supportive measures announced under Budget 2022. The Fund may invest in quality consumer companies domestically as well as overseas which stand to benefit from the shift in consumption trends in the new normal following the global pandemic.

The healthcare sector will continue to be underpinned by rising demand for improved healthcare services and products. The Fund may look to be positioned in companies with structural growth in the healthcare supply chain – which ranges from pharmaceuticals to medical diagnostics, devices and peripherals, as well as innovations in drugs and healthcare services / telehealth.

The Fund's Benchmark

PelGRF's benchmark is a composite index comprising 90% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index and 10% 3-month Islamic Interbank Money Market (IIMM) rate.

For the 10-year period ended 29 October 2021, the Fund's benchmark registered a total return of +28.62%, as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Historical Returns of PelGRF's Benchmark

	Performance in MYR (%)*		
	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Total Return	7.40	3.42	28.62

^{*} Data as at 29 October 2021

Source: Lipper and Bank Negara Malaysia

Note: Past performance of the benchmark is not a reliable indicator of the fund's future performance.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Prospectus of Public e-Islamic Growth Fund dated 10 December 2021 and the fund's Product Highlights Sheet (PHS) before investing. Investors should understand the risks of the fund and compare and consider the fees, charges and costs involved in investing in the fund. A copy of the Prospectus and PHS can be viewed at our website www.publicmutual.com.my. Investors should make their own assessment of the merits and risks of the investment. If in doubt, investors should seek professional advice. Please refer to www.publicmutual.com.my for our investment disclaimer.