

## **PUBLIC BALANCED FUND (PBF)**

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### **PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET**

**This Product Highlights Sheet (PHS) only highlights the key features and risks of this unit trust fund. Investors are advised to request, read and understand the fund's prospectus before deciding to invest.**

### **BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCT**

#### **What is this product about?**

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| <b>Type of product</b>                 | Unit trust fund  |
| <b>Capital protected or guaranteed</b> | No   |
| <b>Manager of fund</b>                 | Public Mutual Berhad   |
| <b>Trustee of fund</b>                 | Maybank Trustees Berhad                                      |
| <b>Distributor of fund</b>             | Unit trust scheme consultants (UTCs) of Public Mutual Berhad |

### **KEY FEATURES OF THE PRODUCT**

#### **What am I investing in?**

|                         |   |                                     |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Category of fund</b> | Balanced  |                                     |
| <b>Fund objective</b>   | To provide a steady income* and capital growth over the medium to long-term period.<br><br><i>Notes:</i><br>* Distribution (if any) will be reinvested unless unitholders opt for distribution to be paid out, subject to terms and conditions.<br>Medium to long term refers to a period of 3 years or more.                                     |                                     |
| <b>Asset allocation</b> | Shares or securities equivalent to shares   | 40% to 60% of net asset value (NAV) |
|                         | Bonds or other forms of securitised debt, money market instruments and deposits   | 40% to 60% of NAV                   |
|                         | If the outlook for equity market is unfavourable, the shares or securities equivalent to shares exposure may be reduced to below the range indicated above while the exposure to bonds or other forms of securitised debt, money market instruments and deposits may be increased to above the range indicated as a temporary defensive strategy. |                                     |
|                         | Foreign assets  | Up to 30% of the fund's NAV         |

**What am I investing in? (cont'd)**

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| <b>Location of assets</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malaysia</li> <li>Up to 30% of NAV may be invested in foreign markets which include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ China</li> <li>➤ Hong Kong</li> <li>➤ South Korea</li> <li>➤ Taiwan</li> <li>➤ Singapore</li> <li>➤ Thailand</li> <li>➤ Indonesia</li> <li>➤ United States of America</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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**PRODUCT SUITABILITY****Who is this fund suitable for?**

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| <b>Investor profile</b> | <p>The fund is suitable for medium to long term investors who are able to withstand ups and downs of the stock market in pursuit of capital growth and to a lesser extent income*.</p> <p><i>Note: * Distribution (if any) will be reinvested unless unitholders opt for distribution to be paid out, subject to terms and conditions.</i></p> |
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**KEY RISKS****What are the key risks associated with this product?**

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| <b>Market risk</b>            | Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the fund's NAV.   |
| <b>Specific security risk</b> | Prices of a particular security may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies. As such, adverse price movements of a particular security invested by the fund may adversely affect the fund's NAV and unit price.  |
| <b>Interest rate risk</b>     | Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of bonds or other forms of securitised debt, money market instruments and deposits. When interest rates rise, prices of bonds or other forms of securitised debt generally decline and this may lower the market value of the fund's investment in bonds or other forms of securitised debt. The reverse applies when interest rates fall. The returns of the fund's investments in money market instruments and deposits move in tandem with interest rates. A decline in interest rates will lower the returns of the fund's investments in money market instruments and deposits. For example, when interest rates fall, deposit placements would be reinvested at lower interest rates and subsequently yield lower returns to the fund. |
| <b>Credit risk</b>            | Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuer of the securities or money market instruments and deposits which is dependent on the issuer's ability to make timely payments of interest or principal. In the event that the issuer of a security or money market instruments and deposits defaults in the payment of interest and/or principal, the value of the fund may be adversely affected.   |
| <b>Liquidity risk</b>         | Liquidity risk refers to the ease of liquidating an asset depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the fund will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavourable prices.  |

**You are advised to read the fund's prospectus and understand the risks involved and, if necessary, consult your professional adviser(s) before investing.**

**FEES & CHARGES****What are the fees and charges involved?**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Sales charge</b>      | <p>Up to 5.0% of NAV per unit.</p> <p><i>The Manager may at its discretion charge a lower sales charge.</i></p> |
| <b>Redemption charge</b> | Nil   |

**What are the fees and charges involved? (cont'd)**

| Switching charge   | To Recipient Fund<br>Switch-out/<br>(Exit)   | Equity / Mixed Asset / Balanced Funds | Bond Funds    | Money Market Funds |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
|  | Within 90 days:  |                                       |               |                    |
|  | - Loaded units   | Up to 0.75% *                         | Up to 0.75% * | Up to 0.75% *      |
|  | - Partial-load units   | Up to 0.50% *                         | Up to 0.50% * | Up to 0.50% *      |
|  | After 90 days:   |                                       |               |                    |
|  | - Loaded units   | Up to RM50                            | Up to RM50    | Nil                |
|  | - Partial-load units   | Up to 0.50% *                         | Up to 0.50% * | Nil                |
| Notes:<br>• Loaded units are units which have incurred a sales charge of 3% or more through investments in equity/mixed asset/balanced funds.<br>• Partial-load units are units which have incurred a sales charge of less than 3% through investments in equity/mixed asset/balanced funds.<br>* Subject to a minimum of RM50, whichever is the higher. |  |                                       |               |                    |
| <b>Transfer charge</b>   | Up to RM50 per transfer.   |                                       |               |                    |
| <b>Management fee</b>  | 1.50% per annum of the NAV.  |                                       |               |                    |
| <b>Trustee fee</b>   | 0.06% per annum of the NAV, subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 and a maximum fee of RM600,000 per annum. |                                       |               |                    |

Note: The above fees and charges may be subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties (if any) which are payable by you.

**There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider them before investing in the fund.**

**PERFORMANCE OF PBF****Average Annual Returns for the following periods ended 31 May 2024**

|            | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | Since Commencement* |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| PBF (%)    | 7.99   | 3.38   | 5.95   | 4.11    | 11.95               |
| PBEIX(%)** | 10.42  | 1.47   | 0.90   | 0.45    | 4.24                |

**Annual Total Return for the Financial Years Ended 31 May**

|            | 2015  | 2016  | 2017 | 2018 | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022 | 2023  | 2024  |
|------------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| PBF (%)    | 3.28  | -0.04 | 6.76 | 0.49 | -1.77 | -1.42 | 19.51 | 1.75 | 0.24  | 7.99  |
| PBEIX(%)** | -2.59 | -2.65 | 6.56 | 0.61 | -1.62 | -5.13 | 5.51  | 0.41 | -5.84 | 10.42 |

**1-Year Fund Performance Review**

PBF registered a total return of +7.99% for the financial year ended 31 May 2024 in comparison to its benchmark's return of +10.42% over the same period.

Notes:

\* The figure shown is for the period since the fund's commencement (6 July 1995).

\*\* The Public Balanced Equity Index (PBEIX) is a composite index computed based on accumulated daily returns from the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (replacement of the Kuala Lumpur Composite Index by Bursa Malaysia with effect from 6 July 2009) and 3-Month Kuala Lumpur Interbank Offered Rate in the ratio of 60:40. It is the appropriate benchmark for balanced funds, which have equity weightings capped at a maximum 60% of the fund's NAV.

The calculation of the above returns is based on NAV-to-NAV basis, and is sourced from Lipper.

Average annual returns of the fund are derived by dividing the total returns of the fund with the number of years under review.

Commencement date is the last day of the initial offer period.

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### Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR)

|            | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------|------|------|------|
| PTR (time) | 0.26 | 0.24 | 0.65 |

The fund's PTR decreased from 0.26 times for the financial year ended 2022 to 0.24 times for the financial year ended 2023 due to a lower level of rebalancing activities. For the financial year ended 2024, the fund's PTR subsequently increased to 0.65 times due to a higher level of rebalancing activities undertaken by the fund.

### Distribution

|                                   | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Gross distribution per unit (sen) | 2.75 | 1.75 | -    |
| Net distribution per unit (sen)   | 2.75 | 1.75 | -    |

Distribution is in the form of cash.

**PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE.**

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Valuation

The NAV of this fund is calculated and the price of units published on each business day at [www.publicmutual.com.my](http://www.publicmutual.com.my).

#### Purchase and redemption of units

You can purchase and redeem units of the fund on any business day at the fund's next determined NAV.

##### Initial investment

- Minimum initial investment\*: RM1,000.
- Existing investors who are Public Mutual Online (PMO) subscribers may purchase units of the fund online.
- If you are not an existing PMO subscriber, you may register online for PMO via our website or through our Smart kiosks located at our branches or Customer Service Centre at the 1 Utama Shopping Centre.
- Otherwise, please submit your completed investment application form together with a cheque to any of the Public Bank Berhad branches.
- For first time investor of Public Mutual Berhad, you are required to complete the New Investor Form or onboard via the New Investor Online Enrolment at PMO.

##### Additional investments

- Minimum additional investment\*: RM100.
- You may invest regularly through PMO, direct debit authorisation with banks or by depositing your cheque into the collection accounts maintained at Public Bank Berhad.

Note: \* The Manager may vary the minimum initial and additional investment amount from time to time.



#### How You Should Write Your Cheque

Cheque must be made payable to:

Individual  
Investors

**"Public Mutual Berhad - New NRIC No. of First Holder".**

Corporate  
Investors

**"Public Mutual Berhad - Your Company Registration Number".**

Please write down your name, new NRIC/passport number/company registration number and telephone number at the back of the cheque.

### Purchase and redemption of units (cont'd)

#### Cooling-off right

- Applicable for first time individual investors of Public Mutual Berhad.
- Your request must be submitted either to the Public Mutual Berhad Head Office or any of its branch offices within 6 business days from the date of receipt of the investment application form and payment by Public Mutual Berhad.
- The refund will be paid within 7 business days from the date of exercise of this right.
- The refund for every unit held will be the sum of the price of a unit (i.e. original price on the day the units were purchased or market price at the point of exercise of the cooling-off right, whichever is lower) and the sales charge imposed (and any applicable taxes and/or duties, if any) on the day the units were purchased.
- Staff of the Manager and persons registered with a body approved by the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) to deal in unit trust funds are not entitled to the cooling-off right.

#### Redemption

- Minimum units for redemption: 1,000 units.
- You can execute your redemption request via PMO or by completing and submitting the redemption form on any business day to your nearest Public Mutual Berhad branch office or Public Mutual Berhad Head Office.
- Your redemption proceeds will be paid within 7 business days from our receipt of your request. If partial redemption results in less than 1,000 units being held in your account with the fund, the Manager may redeem the entire account.

### DO NOT PAY CASH FOR YOUR INVESTMENT



**UTCs AND STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO COLLECT INVESTMENT AMOUNTS IN CASH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHATSOEVER.**

*Public Mutual Berhad will not be liable for any loss incurred should you hand cash over to our UTCs or staff.*



**DO NOT PAY CASH TO A UTC OR STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD.**

**DO NOT MAKE A DEPOSIT OR TRANSFER TO THE BANK ACCOUNT OF A UTC OR STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD.**



**DO NOT ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UTC OR STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**This is neither a capital guaranteed nor a capital protected fund.**

**Unit prices and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up.**

**Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance.**

**Where unit splits or distribution is declared, following the issue of unit splits and/or distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced accordingly to reflect/account for the unit splits and/or distribution.**

**Where unit splits is declared, the value of investment in Ringgit Malaysia terms will remain unchanged after the distribution of additional units.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **Who should I contact for further information on the fund?**

For information pertaining to the fund, you may consult/contact:

- UTCs who are registered with the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM);
- Public Mutual Berhad Customer Service Hotline at 03-2022 5000; or
- email us at [customer@publicmutual.com.my](mailto:customer@publicmutual.com.my).

### Who should I contact to lodge a complaint?

1. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact our Customer Service Hotline at 03-2022 5000.
2. 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](mailto: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
3. You can also direct your complaint to 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 the Aduan Hotline at : 03-6204 8999
  - (b) via fax to : 03-6204 8991
  - (c) via email to : [aduan@seccom.com.my](mailto:aduan@seccom.com.my)
  - (d) via online complaint form available at [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my)
  - (e) via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office  
Securities Commission Malaysia  
No. 3, Persiaran Bukit Kiara  
Bukit Kiara  
50490 Kuala Lumpur
4. FIMM's Complaints Bureau:
  - (a) via phone to : 03-7890 4242
  - (b) via email to : [complaints@fimm.com.my](mailto:complaints@fimm.com.my)
  - (c) via online complaint form available at [www.fimm.com.my](http://www.fimm.com.my)
  - (d) via letter to : Legal & Regulatory Affairs  
Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia  
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No. 19 Lorong Dungun  
Damansara Heights  
50490 Kuala Lumpur

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