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#### FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date: 29 May 2001

Fund Category/Fund Type: Balanced/growth and income

Fund Size: RM59 452 211 35

Initial Offer Price: RM0.5000

NAV per Unit: RM0.9812

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	0.9812	29-03-2024
52-Week Low	0.9110	30-06-2023

#### FUND MANAGER

#### Eastspring Investments Berhad

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# **BALANCED FUND APRII 2024**



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### 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. 2 3.
  - Securities

Property Power / Utilities

- 4 5.
- Unquoted Fixed Income Banking & Finance

8.

- Cash & cash equivalents
- Plantation / Natural Resources Oil and Gas 6. Telecommunication

34.30%	9. Manufacturing 10. Conglomerate	3.52% 3.33%
15.38%	11. Construction	2.49%
8.05%	12. Transportation	1.91%
7.70%	13. Technology	1.68%
4.84%	14. Gaming	1.49%
4.73%	15. Health Care	1.25%
4.53% 4.32%	16. Consumer	0.48%

\* as percentage of NAV

## **TOP HOLDINGS\***

#### Equity Holdings

- Public Bank Berhad CIMB Group Holdings Berhad 3
- Tenaga Nasional Berhad Malavan Banking Berhad
- Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad 5.

\* as percentage of NAV

# FUND PERFORMANCE

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



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	1.43%	7.83%	6.37%	11.16%	7.23%	31.05%	51.21%	493.59%
Benchmark *	0.39%	5.47%	3.84%	6.97%	3.77%	6.38%	10.76%	156.92%
Lipper Ranking	13 of 18	10 of 18	9 of 18	8 of 18	13 of 18	4 of 18	3 of 17	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, 31 March 2024. 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
3	4	4	Lowest ① Highest ⑤

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	Bo	ond Holdings	
5.25%	1.	Government Of Malaysia	8.74%
5.08%	2.	GENM Capital Berhad	7.76%
3.60%	3.	YTL Power International Berhad	6.77%
3.07%	4.	Aman Sukuk Berhad	5.94%
2.31%	5.	Pengurusan Air SPV Berhad	3.32%



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# BALANCED FUND **APRII 2024**

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# FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

Equity The Malaysian equity markets took a breather in March, digesting the 4Q23 results season. Malaysia saw foreign investors become net sellers in March of RM2.8b, reversing 4 consecutive months net equity inflows. Newsflow in March was focused on infrastructure. The Cabinet approved the Penang LRT, and there was news that there were three concept proposals for the high speed rail (HSR). The government finally inked a new operating agreement (OA) with Malaysia Airports that there were three concept proposals for the high speed rail (HSR). The government finally inked a new operating agreement (OA) with Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad, which also saw the additional transit passenger charge approved, and changes to the passenger service charges for KLIA terminal 1, 2 and other airports across Malaysia.

The KLCI closed the month at 1,536.07, down 0.99% mom. The FBM Small Cap index gained 3.08% for the month, outperforming the KLCI. The best performing sectors were Property (+9.3%) and Construction (+5.6%). The worst performing sectors were Telecommunication (-2.6%) and Consumer (-1.2%). Average value traded on Bursa in March was RM3225m higher by 14.9% mom.

Malaysia's headline CPI and core CPI both halted the easing trend and stood at 1.8% YoY in February (December: 1.5%; 1.8%), while unemployment rate remained stable at 3.3% in January. BNM international reserves decreased to US\$ 113.4bn as of mid-March (mid-February: US\$115.4bn). The reserves position is sufficient to finance 5.4 months of imports and is 1.0x of the total short-term external debt.

# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Value			
Average Duration (years)	3.04			
Average Yield to Maturity (%)	3.88			
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Note: This portfolio represents the Fixed Income portion of the Fund

## OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Annual Fund Performance (%)	0.59	20.40	-1.61	-1.65	4.43	
Annual Benchmark Performance (%)	0.15	3.35	-1.12	-1.49	1.87	
Date/Distribution (RM)	17 Dec, 0.0414	17 Dec, 0.0363	20 Dec, 0.0302	16 Dec, 0.0376	15 Dec, 0.0414	
Unit Split	-	-	-	-	-	
Distribution Yield (%)	4.52	3.38	3.06	3.95	4.31	
12-Month FD Average (MBB%)	3.18	2.18	1.85	2.27	3.02	

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 31 March 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this Fund is 6.8 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Lipper). "Low" generally includes funds with VF that are higher than 3.785 but not more than 8.39. 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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