

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Asian Bond Fund

Q1. What is investment objective of Asian Bond Fund?

- A1. To provide a medium to long-term rate of return by investing mainly in Asian Fixed Income Securities.

Q2. What is the investment strategy?

- A2. The sub-fund invest 100% of its assets in the BlackRock Global Funds – Asian Tiger Bond Fund A6 SGD Hedged (“underlying fund”) which is managed by BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.

The BlackRock Global Funds – Asian Tiger Bond Fund A6 SGD Hedged Share Class seeks to identify mispriced securities by using a rigorous fundamental research approach. It believes that Asian fixed income markets are still developing and have exploitable inefficiencies. The sub-investment manager employs top-down macroeconomic analysis with a bottom-up approach to credit selection.

The underlying fund will invest at least 70% of its total assets in the fixed income transferable securities of issuers domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Asian Tiger countries (i.e. South Korea, the People’s Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Macau, India and Pakistan).

The underlying fund may also invest in the full spectrum of available securities, including non-investment grade. The underlying fund may use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management or to hedge market, interest rate and currency risks.

A3. Who is the manager of the sub-fund?

- A3. The sub-fund is managed by NTUC Income Insurance Co-operative Limited. It invests all or substantially all of its assets in the BlackRock Global Funds – Asian Tiger Bond Fund A6 SGD Hedged which is managed by BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.

Q4. Who should be considering this sub-fund for investment?

- A4. The sub-fund is suitable for investors who:

- seek capital growth and income over a medium- to long-term period;
- comfortable with the risks associated with the sub-fund investing in Asian fixed income securities including non-investment grade bonds;
- seek regular income through monthly distribution; and
- appreciate that the sub-fund is not a capital guaranteed fund, i.e. the amount of capital invested or return received is not guaranteed.

Q5. How can I invest in Asian Bond Fund?

- A5. You can invest in this sub-fund via any of the following ways:
- i. Purchase a new GrowthLink;
 - ii. Topping up into an existing GrowthLink; or
 - iii. Switching funds within an existing GrowthLink.

More information on GrowthLink can be found on GrowthLink's product page on our website.

Q6. What is the Annual Management Fee?

- A6. The annual management fee is currently set at 1.0% of sub-fund balance, which includes management fee charged by the investment manager of the BlackRock Global Funds – Asian Tiger Bond Fund A6 SGD Share Class. The Annual Management Fee is not guaranteed and may be reviewed from time to time. However, it shall not exceed 2.0% of the sub-fund balance at any point of time.

Q7. What is the frequency of distribution?

- A7. We intend to make monthly distribution and will distribute all payouts received from the underlying fund within 45 days from the declaration date. The distribution is not guaranteed.

A8. When is the declaration date for monthly distribution?

- A8. The declaration date is set on the 3rd last business day of every month. If these dates fall on a weekend/public holiday, the last business day before these dates will be taken as the declaration date. The declaration date is subject to review and the Manager has the sole discretion to determine the rate and frequency of the distribution.

Q9. What happens to the unit price after distribution?

- A9. The unit price of the sub-fund will be reduced accordingly after the distribution. The number of units available will remain the same, unless the distribution is reinvested into this sub-fund.

Q10. What options are available for distribution?

- A10. The default option for distribution is to reinvest them at bid price into Asian Bond Fund.

If policyholder wishes to encash the distribution, he will need to either indicate his choice in the application form or notify us in writing at least 30 days before the Declaration Date. A cheque would be sent to policyholder within 45 days from the Declaration Date.

However, any distribution below S\$50 has to be reinvested and encashment is not allowed. Also, any distribution from funds purchased using SRS monies, if applicable, will also be reinvested.

The unit prices for reinvestment will be determined on Payout date, which would be within 45 days from the Declaration Date.

Q11. Will the distribution affect the insurance coverage provided by the ILP?

- A11. No, the insurance coverage is not affected by the distribution.

Q12. What happens to the unit price of the sub-fund after distribution?

- A12. The unit price of the sub-fund will be reduced accordingly after the distribution. The number of units available will remain the same, unless the distribution is reinvested into the sub-fund.

Q13. Will reinvestment of the distribution increase the insurance coverage provided by the ILP?

- A12. No, the reinvestment of distribution from the sub-fund does not increase the insurance coverage.

Q14. Will withdrawal of funds after they have been reinvested, reduce the insurance coverage?

A14. Yes, withdrawal funds after they have been reinvested will reduce the insurance coverage.

Q15. What is the cut-off time used to determine pricing of the units?

A15. All ILP funds are valued daily on an offer/bid basis. All transactions for ILP are based on forward pricing. The prices are updated on the website of NTUC Income on each working day.

For cash policy, all transactions submitted and premiums received by us by 3 pm (Singapore time) each day will be executed based on the unit prices of the same working day. For transactions submitted on a non working day (i.e. Saturday, Sunday or public holiday), the execution will be based on the prices valued for the following working day.

For SRS policy, all transactions received by us by 3 pm (Singapore time) each day will be executed based on the unit prices of the same working day. For transactions submitted on a non working day (i.e. Saturday, Sunday or public holiday), the execution will be based on the prices valued for the following working day.

We reserve the right to revise the cut-off time.

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