



MARKET OUTLOOK

The ASEAN bourses recorded positive returns in December 2020 with Jakarta Composite Index (JCI) recorded best performance followed by Philippine's Stock Exchange Index (PCOMP), FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (FBMKLCI), Thailand's Stock Exchange Index (SET), and Singapore's Straits Times Index (STI) at 6.53%, 5.13%, 4.13%, 2.91%, and 1.35% MoM respectively.

The IHS Markit US Manufacturing PMI recorded at 56.5 in December, continued its expansion momentum from the 56.7 reading in November. The rapid growth in manufacturing witnessed in the past two months was not seen since April 2018. However, supplier delivery times was delayed due to severe raw material shortages, supplier capacity and logistical constraints. At the same time, factories have increased its workforce at a faster pace amid another monthly rise in backlogs of work. Meanwhile the IHS Markit US Services PMI recorded at 55.3 in December, came down from the reading of 58.4 in November where it recorded the highest reading since March 2015. This was mainly due to rising COVID-19 cases in some areas and slowing down in services activity amid restrictions on activities.

In December, US Congress passed a sweeping USD900 billion stimulus bill that includes federal unemployment assistance and direct payments to individuals. President elect, Joe Biden hinting more relief packages will follow suit after his inauguration on 20 January 2021 but may continue to face challenges to announce additional fiscal stimulus to spur the economy.

The official NBS Manufacturing PMI for China recorded a reading of 51.9 in December, remained above the 50 level for the past 10 consecutive months. A reading above 50 indicates expansion. This was followed by a softer increase recorded for output, new orders and new export orders. Factories activity remain soft as the economy continued to recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

While China is faced with multiple threats from US, the country continues to tie economy pacts, with the latest EU-China Investment Agreement (CAI) after signing the Regional Comprehensive Trade Agreement (RCEP) in Asia. The agreement intended to liberalize China's investments in strategic sectors and to provide level playing field for EU companies. To-date, China is EU's second largest trading partner, behind the US.

However, market will remain cautious as a new strain of virus emerged. This could intensify the surge in cases, potentially resulting lockdown across countries. Against this backdrop, we positioned our portfolio to neutral allocation (e.g 60:40 equity/fixed income portfolio in moderate portfolio). Following our annual review process, our 2021 market outlook can be found in the [An Overview: 2021: Valley of the Wind\[1\], Φύσις \(phýsis\) and λόγος \(logos\)](#).

EQUITY

FBMKLCI rose by 4.13% MoM in December to close at 1,627.21 points. Looking at the trading participants for the month, local institutions and foreign investors were net buyers, buying RM1.09 billion and RM0.73 billion worth of shares respectively. Local retailers on the other hand were the net sellers, selling RM1.68 billion worth of shares. For CY2020, local retailers and local institutions were the net buyers, buying RM14.2 billion and RM10.39 billion worth of shares respectively while the foreign investors were the net sellers, selling RM24.76 billion.

Overall, majority sectors in Malaysia recorded positive returns in December. The energy, finance, industrial, property, construction, telecom, technology, transport, consumer, utilities, and plantation were all on the positive territory where it grew by 11.14%, 10.96%, 10.86%, 10.59%, 8.38%, 7.63%, 6.92%, 5.14%, 3.69%, 3.68%, and 1.19% MoM respectively. Meanwhile, the healthcare sector dropped by 10.99% MoM as it was dragged by the lackluster performance of glove companies due to announcement of positive vaccine development.

BOND

In December 2020, the yield for the Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) for the 3-year, 5-year, 7-year, and 10-year fell by 4bps, 10bps, 18bps, and 10bps respectively to close at 1.87%, 2.1%, 2.39%, and 2.65% respectively.

COMMODITIES

Crude palm oil rose 12.82% MoM to close at RM3,891/MT in December as compared to RM3,449/MT in November. Palm oil hit its highest price in more than eight years from better export outlook and lower output. Nymex (WTI) crude oil price increased by 7.01% MoM in December, closing at \$48.52/barrel from \$45.34/barrel in the previous month. OPEC expected oil demand will recover faster on the back of COVID-19 vaccine optimism. Meanwhile gold price climbed up by 6.72% MoM to close at \$1,895.10/Oz in December, as oppose to \$1,775.70/Oz in November.



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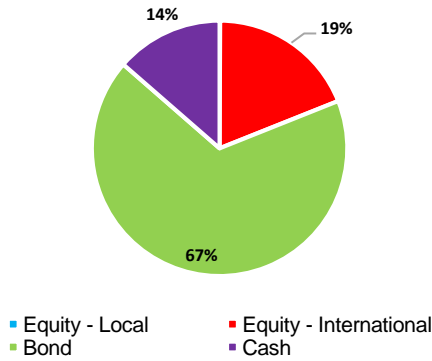
Commentary

For CY2020, all our model portfolios have outperformed the benchmark. All the funds within the portfolio recorded positive returns in December, with the best performing funds are Eastspring Investment Dinasti Equity and United Golden Opportunities which both recorded positive growth of 6.7% MoM.

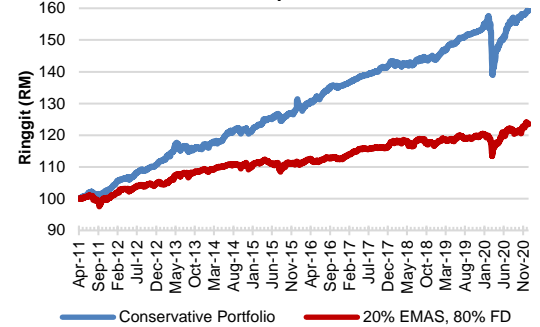
CONVENTIONAL MODEL PORTFOLIO

Conservative Portfolio

Franklin US Opportunities MYR	4%
RHB Entrepreneur	2%
Affin Hwang World Series EU Unconstrained MYR H	2%
AmChina A-Shares MYR	3%
Affin Hwang Aiiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	1%
AmAsia Pacific REITs B MYR	1%
United Golden Opportunity MYR H	1%
United Global Technology Fund MYR H	3%
United Global Healthcare Fund A MYR Acc	3%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	25%
Maybank Financial Institutions Income	25%
Nomura i-Income	15%
Principal Lifetime Enhanced Bond	10%
Phillip Money Market Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%

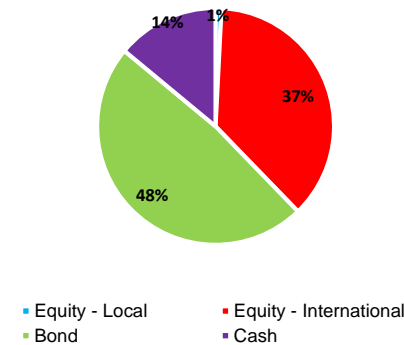


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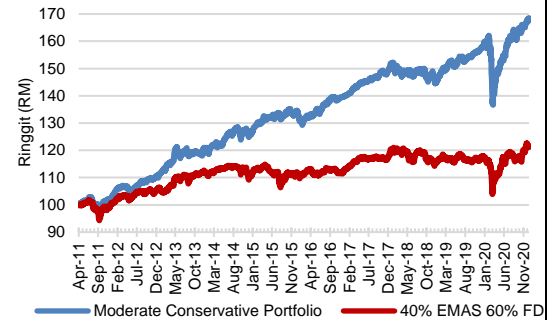


Moderate Conservative Portfolio

Franklin US Opportunities MYR	8%
RHB Entrepreneur	4%
Affin Hwang World Series EU Unconstrained MYR H	4%
AmChina A-Shares MYR	5%
Affin Hwang Aiiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	2%
United ASEAN Discovery	2%
KAF Tactical	1%
AmAsia Pacific REITs B MYR	2%
United Golden Opportunity MYR H	2%
United Global Technology Fund MYR H	5%
United Global Healthcare Fund A MYR Acc	5%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	25%
Maybank Financial Institutions Income	25%
Nomura i-Income	5%
Phillip Money Market Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%

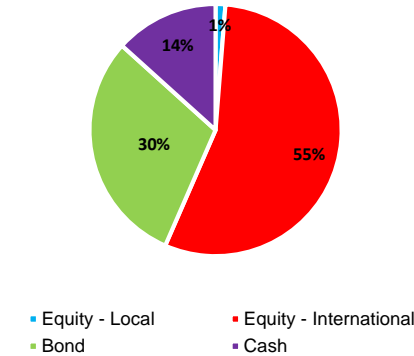


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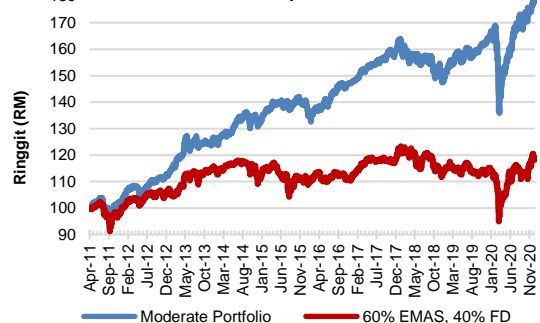


Moderate Portfolio

Franklin US Opportunities MYR	12%
RHB Entrepreneur	6%
Affin Hwang World Series EU Unconstrained MYR H	6%
AmChina A-Shares MYR	6%
Affin Hwang Aiiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	3%
United ASEAN Discovery	3%
KAF Tactical	2%
AmAsia Pacific REITs B MYR	4%
United Golden Opportunity MYR H	4%
United Global Technology Fund MYR H	7%
United Global Healthcare Fund A MYR Acc	7%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	20%
Maybank Financial Institutions Income	15%
Phillip Money Market Fund	5%
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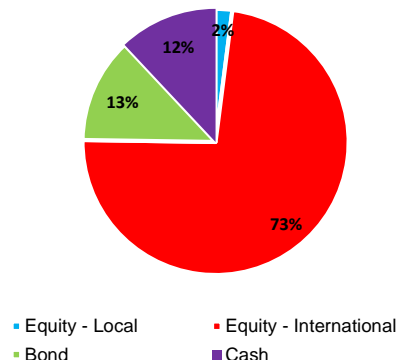


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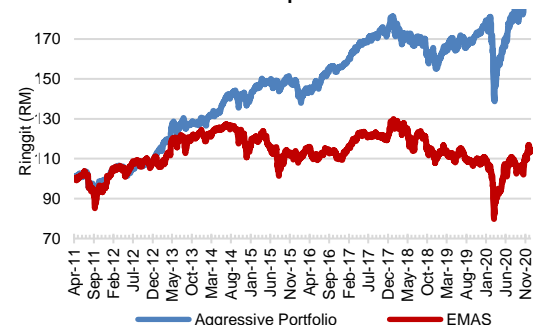


Aggressive Portfolio

Franklin US Opportunities MYR	14%
RHB Entrepreneur	8%
Affin Hwang World Series EU Unconstrained MYR H	8%
AmChina A-Shares MYR	8%
Affin Hwang Aiiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	5%
United ASEAN Discovery	5%
KAF Tactical	2%
AmAsia Pacific REITs B MYR	5%
United Golden Opportunity MYR H	5%
United Global Technology Fund MYR H	10%
United Global Healthcare Fund A MYR Acc	10%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	10%
Maybank Financial Institutions Income	5%
Phillip Money Market Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%



Performance from 18 Apr 2011 to 31 Dec 2020



	1 Mth	6Mths	YTD	1 Yr	Since Inception		1 Mth	6Mths	YTD	1 Yr	Since Inception
Conservative Portfolio	1.0%	5.4%	4.0%	4.0%	59.5%	Moderate Portfolio	3.0%	11.7%	9.4%	9.4%	79.4%
Benchmark	0.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%	23.5%	Benchmark	2.3%	7.2%	3.7%	3.7%	18.4%
Moderate Conservative Portfolio	2.0%	8.6%	7.0%	7.0%	68.5%	Aggressive Portfolio	3.9%	14.9%	11.4%	11.4%	95.8%
Benchmark	1.6%	5.1%	3.3%	3.3%	21.2%	Benchmark	3.8%	11.5%	3.9%	3.9%	13.7%



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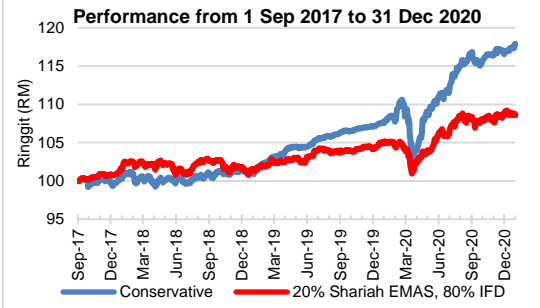
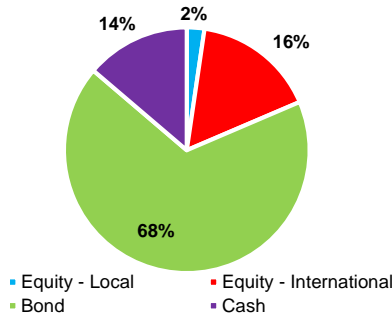
Commentary

Similarly, all the Shariah model portfolios outperformed the benchmark for CY2020. For the month, most funds were in positive territory, mainly driven by Eastspring Investments Dinasti Equity and Affin Hwang Aiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth which rose by 6.7% and 6.2% MoM respectively.

SHARIAH MODEL PORTFOLIO

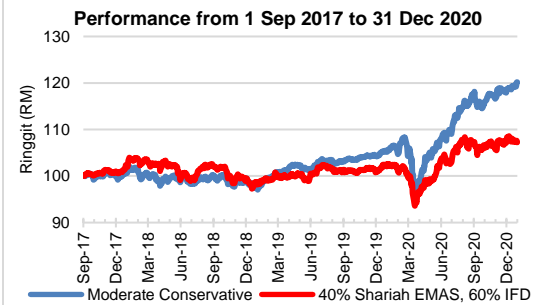
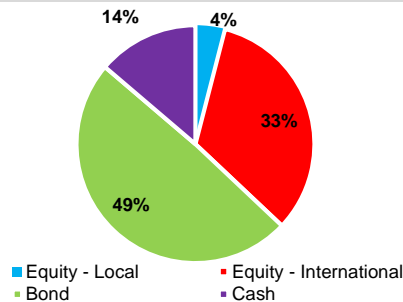
Conservative Portfolio

RHB Islamic Global Developed Markets MYR	5%
Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity A MYR	5%
Eastspring Investments Dinasti Equity	4%
Affin Hwang Aiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	2%
AmASEAN Equity	2%
Manulife Shariah Global REIT MYR	1%
Affin Hwang Aiman Balanced	2%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	25%
Nomura i-Income	25%
Maybank Malaysia Sukuk	14%
Maybank Malaysia Income-I A MYR	10%
Phillip Master Islamic Cash Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%



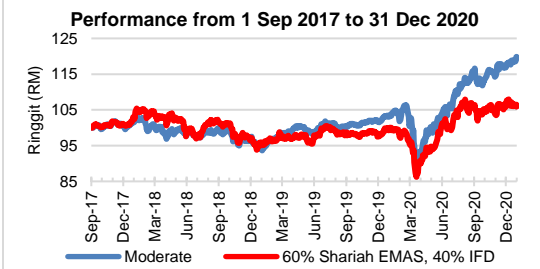
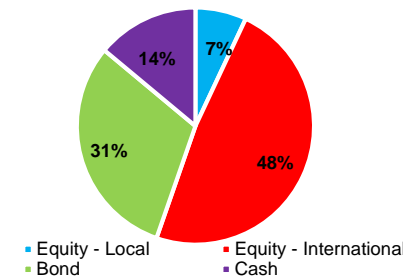
Moderate Conservative Portfolio

RHB Islamic Global Developed Markets MYR	10%
Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity A MYR	10%
Eastspring Investments Dinasti Equity	8%
Affin Hwang Aiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	4%
AmASEAN Equity	3%
Kenanga OA Inv-Kenanga Shariah Growth Opps	1%
Manulife Shariah Global REIT MYR	2%
Affin Hwang Aiman Balanced	4%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	24%
Nomura i-Income	24%
Maybank Malaysia Sukuk	5%
Phillip Master Islamic Cash Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%



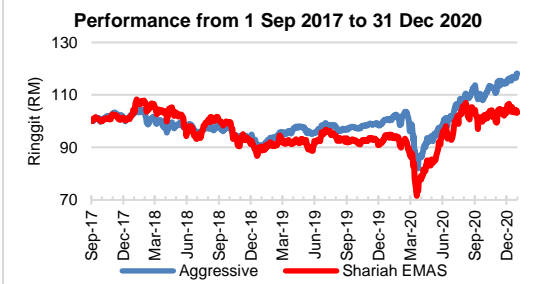
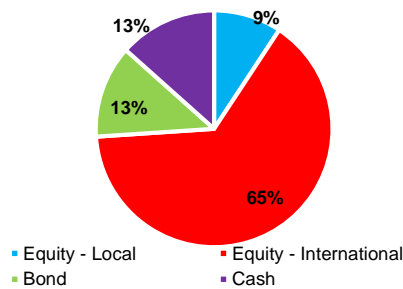
Moderate Portfolio

RHB Islamic Global Developed Markets MYR	14%
Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity A MYR	14%
Eastspring Investments Dinasti Equity	10%
Affin Hwang Aiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	7%
AmASEAN Equity	6%
Kenanga OA Inv-Kenanga Shariah Growth Opps	2%
Manulife Shariah Global REIT MYR	4%
Affin Hwang Aiman Balanced	6%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	18%
Nomura i-Income	14%
Phillip Master Islamic Cash Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%



Aggressive Portfolio

RHB Islamic Global Developed Markets MYR	19%
Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity A MYR	19%
Eastspring Investments Dinasti Equity	15%
Affin Hwang Aiman Asia (ex Japan) Growth MYR	8%
AmASEAN Equity	8%
Kenanga OA Inv-Kenanga Shariah Growth Opps	2%
Manulife Shariah Global REIT MYR	5%
Affin Hwang Aiman Balanced	8%
AmanahRaya Syariah Trust	8%
Nomura i-Income	3%
Phillip Master Islamic Cash Fund	5%
TOTAL	100%



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Moderate Conservative Portfolio	1.9%	9.8%	14.2%	14.2%	20.2%	Aggressive Portfolio	3.3%	16.7%	17.9%	17.9%	18.2%
Benchmark	0.1%	3.9%	5.1%	5.1%	7.3%	Benchmark	0.1%	9.3%	10.1%	10.1%	3.2%

Source: Lipper

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