

# **Opus Shariah Income Fund (OPUS SIF)**

**QUARTERLY REPORT** 

2nd QUARTERLY REPORT (1 OCTOBER to 31 DECEMBER 2023)

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

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#### SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT

### To the Unitholders of OPUS SHARIAH INCOME FUND ("Fund")

We hereby confirm the following:

- To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, OPUS ASSET MANAGEMENT SDN. BHD. has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the Shariah principles and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters; and
- 2 The asset of the Fund comprises of instruments that have been classified as Shariah compliant.

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Shariah Adviser

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### MANAGER'S REPORT - 2nd QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

#### Market Review, Outlook and Strategy

#### **Market Review**

4Q23 saw the major central banks, i.e. US Federal Reserve, European Central Bank (ECB), and Bank of England (BOE) keeping their interest rates unchanged. During the quarter we noted a shift in the global economic narrative from a focus on the question of "how high" interest rates would go to a more nuanced consideration of "how long" these rates would be maintained. On the back of the FED's less restrictive stance, as well as declining inflation data prints, the government bonds rallied substantially with the 10-year US treasury yields falling by 70 bps over the last 3 months of 2023, ending the year around the same levels as 2022.

In the December Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, we saw a drastic change in tone as Fed members implied a 75 bps of rate cut from the current unchanged Fed rates of 5.25% - 5.50% in 2024 through their dot-plot projections. Fed Chair Powell further hinted that rate cuts could happen prior to reaching their 2% inflation target. The ECB echoed a similar tone with the Fed, indicating that their current main lending rate had peaked. In the UK, the Bank of England (BoE) also paused their policy rate with a vote majority of 6-3 to maintain the Bank Rate at 5.25%.

The US economy continues to be resilient in 3Q2023, posting a revised GDP of 4.9% supported by robust domestic spending. However, emerging stress on consumption, resulting from the resumption of student loan payments, a decline in excess savings, and an uptick in subprime auto and millennial credit card delinquencies, collectively points towards a potential economic slowdown in 2024. On the contrary, tight labor market conditions continue to support employment and income levels. Therefore, despite the anticipated deceleration in growth, it is expected to maintain a positive trajectory.

Meanwhile in China, effects from the consumption stimulus targeting automobiles and electronics were reflected in the recent industrial production and retail sales data, while fiscal support under the disaster prevention expenditure had boosted infrastructure investments. However, the overall sentiment remains weighed down by the high urban unemployment rate (5%) and weakness in the real estate sector. The slight improvement in recent external trade data has not convinced markets that a sustainable recovery is intact as the global economy is expected to slow. Risk of trade tensions and western countries' diversification of their supply chain will pose a structural challenge to China's exports moving forward.

Domestically, we saw Malaysia's economy rose by 3.3% YoY (2Q23: 2.9% YoY) in 3Q2023, outperforming market expectations and recording its fastest quarterly growth (+2.6% QoQ) since the start of the year. We believe that the economy is back on the path to normalization, after a lacklustre performance in 2Q2022. The economy continues to be driven by the resilient domestic demand, supported by the strong labour market and steady employment and wage growth. Additionally, the progress of multi-year infrastructure projects and implementation of new government initiatives will be the growth catalysts moving forward. Nonetheless, external demand will continue to be pressured by the weaker global economic growth, as we saw exports declining by -2.4% YoY in November 2023, the ninth consecutive month of decline.

In October, we also saw the Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, tabling Malaysia's largest ever budget amounting to RM394 billion (Budget 2023: RM386 billion). The Budget

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focuses on restructuring the economy through fiscal reforms (i.e. phased subsidy rationalisation and gradual reduction of Malaysia's fiscal deficit) and to position Malaysia as an investment destination building on the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR), New Industrial Master Plan 2030 and 12th Malaysia Plant (12MP) announced throughout the 3Q and 4Q of 2023.

MGS yield curve took cues from the UST, shifting slightly lower by 10 to 24 bps, especially on the longer end, resulting in a flatter yield curve.

#### **Market Outlook**

Overall, market conditions have been favourable to the fixed income investors in 4Q2023 with most central banks pausing rates and shifting towards a less restrictive monetary policy stance. We saw a significant decline in the UST yields, as markets started to price in rate cuts in 2024. Despite a high likelihood of a 'soft landing' in the US, as indicated by resilient growth and easing inflation, ongoing uncertainties stemming from geopolitical risk events remain a concern heading into 2024. These include elevated trade tensions with China, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, and conflicts in the Middle East, which are expected to amplify the significance of the run-up to the US presidential election in 2024.

Locally, we expect the economy to continue normalising driven by the resilient domestic demand. Household spending will continue to be supported by the strong labour market and steady employment and wage growth. We expect Bank Negara Malaysia to maintain OPR at the current 3.00% given our relatively subdued inflation and the broad dollar declining from its peak amid declining yields, taking pressure off from further Ringgit depreciation.

#### **Strategy**

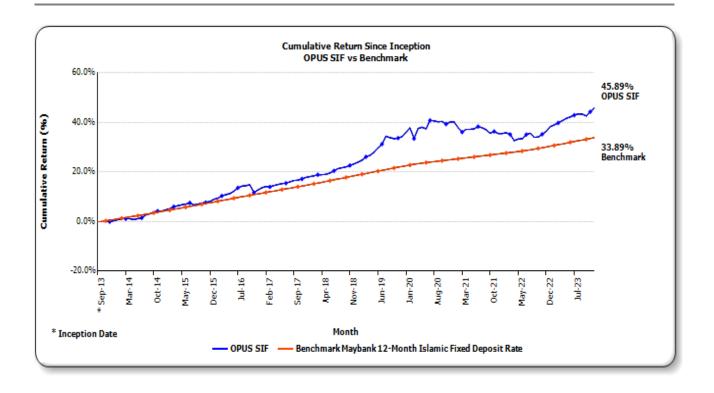
We view the latest pause in interest rates from the Fed, ECB and BoE as an endorsement of the end of their rate hike cycle. The global economy has so far be quite resilient but is expected to slowdown in the coming year with some market volatility stemming from emerging geopolitical risks and run-up towards the US elections.

While we maintain our duration target of 3-6 years, we may take a more cautious approach, keeping duration closer to the lower band of our range, focusing on high quality corporate Sukuks. In view of the recent rally in the Malaysian Sukuk market, we will continue to monitor the market for any retracements in the GII yields, for good trade opportunities.

#### Performance: Outperformed benchmark by 12.00% since inception

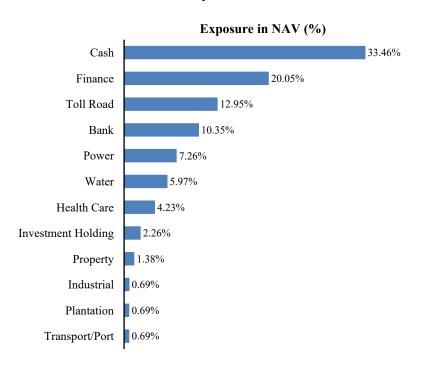
As at 31 December 2023, the Fund was 66.54% invested while 33.46% was held in cash. The Fund's TWRR since inception was 45.89% compared to the benchmark of 33.89%, which is the accreted value since inception of the Maybank 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit Rate. Hence, the Fund outperformed the benchmark by 12.00%. For the calendar year-to-date period, TWRR for the fund was 6.91% against the benchmark TWRR of 2.85%. The Fund had a duration of 3.32 years. The average rating of the portfolio was AA1.

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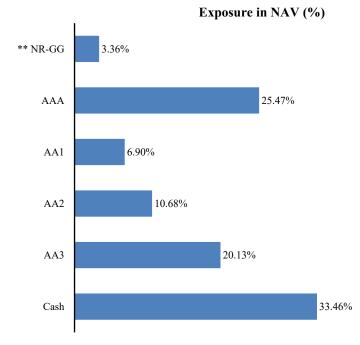


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#### Distribution By Sector as at 31 December 2023



#### Distribution By Rating as at 31 December 2023



\*\* Non Rated-Government Guaranteed

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#### INFORMATION ON THE OPUS SHARIAH INCOME FUND (OPUS SIF or "the Fund")

#### Benchmark: Maybank, 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit Rate

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve higher returns than the benchmark over the medium to long term\*, while preserving capital\*\* and providing an opportunity for income.

Note:

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund's investment maturity profile is subject to active maturity structure management based on the profit rate outlook without any portfolio maturity limitation.

This means, the Fund may invest in Sukuk, Islamic money market instruments, Islamic placement of deposits and other permitted investments with varying maturities such as 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years, 5 years, 10 years or more. The Fund will only invest in instruments denominated only in Ringgit Malaysia Sukuk.

<sup>\*</sup> The Manager regards 3-5 years as medium-term and more than 5 years as long-term.

<sup>\*\*</sup> OPUS SIF is neither a capital guaranteed fund nor a capital protected fund.

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OPUS SIF	31 December 2023	30 September 2023		
Net Asset Value (RM)	73,973,860.56	50,747,499.64		
Net Asset Value Per unit (RM)	1.0450	1.0380		
Total Units in Circulation (units)	70,788,546.9931	48,889,321.5282		
Selling / Repurchase price (RM)	1.0450	1.0380		

OPUS SIF	1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023	1 July 2023 - 30 September 2023
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) for the financial year	0.12 times	0.11 times
Net distribution per unit for the financial year (RM)*	0.0210	0.0100
Daily Return Volatility for the financial year **	0.05%	0.03%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Distributions were made on 24 July 2023, 23 August 2023, 25 September 2023, 24 October 2023, 22 November 2023 and 20 December 2023

#### **Other Information**

There is no change in key investment team and delegates.

<sup>\*\*</sup> measured by standard deviation of daily returns.

### OPUS ASSET MANAGEMENT SDN BHD

PORTFOLIO REPORT

Opus Shariah Income Fund (OPUS SIF)

VALUATION DATE: 31 DECEMBER 2023



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#### **Portfolio Appraisal**

**OPUS SIF** 

Valuation Date : 31 Dec 2023										
Stock Name	Quantity	Port (%)	Clean Cost	Market Value + AP	Price Val (Clean)	Rating	Sector			
Currency : MYR										
Cash & Cash Equivalent (MYR)										
Account Payable	-	(0.1)	(46,878)	(46,878)	-					
Account Receivable	-	-	-	-	-					
Cash At Bank	-	-	6	6	-					
Cash At Bank	-	0.1	38,876	38,876	-					
Non Low Risk Asset (Islamic)										
STDI										
CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad MYR STDI	-	18.2	13,483,254	13,486,579	-	/Cash				
Public Islamic Bank Berhad MYR STDI	-	15.2	11,268,760	11,271,492	-	/Cash				
STDI Total	-	33.5	24,752,014	24,758,071	-					
Non Low Risk Asset (Islamic) Total	-	33.5	24,752,014	24,758,071	-					
Total - Cash & Cash Equivalent	-	33.5	24,744,017	24,750,074	-					
Sukuk (MYR)										
Low Risk Asset (Islamic)										
Straight Sukuk										
SME Bank (GG) 3.30% 23.04.27	2,500,000	3.4	2,581,000	2,486,722	98.84	NR-M/NR-GG	Finance			
Straight Sukuk Total	2,500,000	3.4	2,581,000	2,486,722	98.84					
Low Risk Asset (Islamic) Total	2,500,000	3.4	2,581,000	2,486,722	98.84					
Non Low Risk Asset (Islamic)										
Straight Sukuk										
Affin Islamic 4.75% 16.12.27	3,000,000	4.2	3,076,500	3,082,941	102.58	RAM/AA3	Bank			
Air Selangor 4.220% 29.10.31	2,250,000	3.1	2,241,125	2,296,674	101.35	RAM/AAA	Water			
Air Selangor SRI 4.730% 26.07.29	2,000,000	2.9	2,031,350	2,122,629	104.07	RAM/AAA	Water			



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Portfolio Appraisal OPUS SIF

#### Valuation Date: 31 Dec 2023 Stock Name Quantity Port Clean Market Price Rating Sector (%) Cost Value + AP Val (Clean) Anih 5.70% 27.11.26 600,000 0.9 627,540 629,978 104.48 MARC/AA Toll Road Bank Pembangunan 3.25% 08.06.26 1,500,000 2.0 1.479.750 1,484,800 98.77 MARC/AAA Finance Batu Kawan 4.12% 09.02.29 500,000 0.7 500,000 510,199 100.40 RAM/AA1 Plantation Danum Cap 3.42% 21.02.35 1,750,000 2.3 1,728,125 1,675,383 94.49 RAM/AAA Investment Holding DUKE3 5.44% 23.08.29 2.000.000 2.8 2.081.600 2.085.229 102.31 MARC/AA-Toll Road KESTURI 4.75% 02.12.26 1.000.000 1.4 1.018.830 1.013.794 101.02 MARC/AA-Toll Road KFSTURI 4.75% 02.12.27 2,000,000 2.7 1,946,400 2,031,928 101.23 MARC/AA-Toll Road MARC/D MEX II 5.20% 29.04.22 1,000,000 1,031,100 Toll Road MMC Port 4.40% 08.04.27 500,000 0.7 492,350 509,923 100.97 MARC/AA-Transport/Port 1.4 1,040,352 MARC/AAA Toll Road PLUS 4.72% 12.01.26 1,000,000 1,012,400 101.80 PLUS 5.75% 12.01.37 500,000 0.8 552,150 593,552 115.99 MARC/AAA Toll Road MARC/AA-Point Zone 4.58% 07.03.29 1,000,000 1.4 1,000,000 1,039,796 102.52 Health Care Point Zone 4.66% 05.03.32 2.000.000 2.8 1.910.200 2.092.040 103.12 MARC/AA-Health Care Press Metal 4.69% 07.12.27 500.000 0.7 501.550 514.046 102.49 RAM/AA2 Industrial Sabah Credit Corp 3.91% 25.01.27 1,000,200 99.48 RAM/AA1 1,000,000 1.4 1,011,910 Finance Sabah Credit Corp 4.85% 22.12.26 2,500,000 3.5 2,537,750 2,555,997 102.11 RAM/AA1 Finance Sime Darby Property 4.14% 21.08.28 1,000,000 MARC/AA+ Property 1,000,000 1.4 1,024,415 100.93 2,500,000 2,529,000 2,621,970 Tenaga 4.67% 25.11.41 3.5 104.43 RAM/AAA Power TNB Power (SRI) 4.58% 29.03.33 1.4 MARC/AAA 1,000,000 1,033,200 1,059,005 104.72 Power TNB Power (SRI) 5.20% 02.06.42 1,500,000 2.3 1,633,050 1,691,174 112.35 MARC/AAA Power Zamarad TR1 5.00% 27.03.26 2,000,000 2.8 2,026,600 2,073,861 102.38 RAM/AAA Finance Straight Sukuk Total 34,600,000 47.0 34,990,770 34,761,595 99.52 Variable / Callable Sukuk ALR 5.32% 13.10.34 (FC 13.10.33) 2,000,000 3.0 108.04 MARC/AAA 2,031,600 2,184,081 Toll Road CIMB GH Bhd T-2 SRI 4.40% 08.09.32 (FC 08.09.27) 1,500,000 2.1 1,500,000 1,538,510 101.18 RAM/AA2 Bank



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**Portfolio Appraisal** 

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Valuation Date : 31 Dec 2023											
Stock Name	Quantity	Port (%)	Clean Cost	Market Value + AP	Price Val (Clean)	Rating	Sector				
Maybank B3 AT1 4.08% Perp (FC 25.09.24)	3,000,000	4.1	3,082,200	3,034,244	100.05	RAM/AA3	Bank				
Zamarad TR8 5.72% 23.05.31 (EM 23.11.29)	2,500,000	3.6	2,500,000	2,637,937	104.97	RAM/AA2	Finance				
Zamarad TR9 5.30% 10.02.32 (EM 09.08.30)	2,500,000	3.5	2,500,000	2,580,699	101.14	RAM/AA2	Finance				
Variable / Callable Sukuk Total	11,500,000	16.2	11,613,800	11,975,470	102.89						
Non Low Risk Asset (Islamic) Total	46,100,000	63.2	46,604,570	46,737,065	100.36						
Total - Sukuk	48,600,000	66.5	49,185,570	49,223,786	100.28						
Total Investment in MYR	48,600,000	100.0	73,929,587	73,973,861	100.28						
Portfolio Total (MYR)		100.0	73,929,587	73,973,861	100.28						



Fund Capital Equity

Capital

**Total Fund Capital** 

Retained Profit / (Loss)

Profit / (Loss) this year

**Total Distribution** 

Sub Total for Equity

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10,721,561.99

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(11,936,152.82)

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	31-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2023
	MYR	MYR
Assets		
Current Assets		
Islamic Deposits with Financial Institutions	24,752,013.73	2,462,256.40
Cash at Bank	38,881.46	30,826.90
Profit Receivable from Islamic Deposits	6,056.93	404.75
Profit Receivable from Sukuk	485,770.43	509,726.45
Trade Receivable	-	-
Other Receivable	-	-
Sub Total for Current Assets	25,282,722.55	3,003,214.50
Investment		_
Government Investment Issues	-	-
Corporate Sukuk	48,738,016.00	47,787,953.50
Islamic Short Term Commercial Papers		<u>-</u>
Sub Total for Investment	48,738,016.00	47,787,953.50
Total Assets	74,020,738.55	50,791,168.00
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Management Fees	(37,828.85)	(33,688.53)
Accrued Trustee Fees	(2,364.30)	(2,105.55)
Accrued Audit Fees	(1,810.46)	(905.18)
Other Accrued Fees	(4,874.38)	(6,969.10)
Accrued GST	-	-
Trade Payable	-	-
Other Creditors	-	-
Sub Total for Current Liabilities	(46,877.99)	(43,668.36)
Total Liabilities	(46,877.99)	(43,668.36)
Total Portfolio Value	73,973,860.56	50,747,499.64

50,957,355.82

10,721,561.99

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#### **OPUS SIF**

Statement of Comprehensive Income for financial period from 1 O	ct 2023 to 31 Dec 2023	
	<u>01-0ct-2023</u> to 31-Dec-2023	01-0ct-2022 31-Dec-2022
	<u>MYR</u>	<u>MYR</u>
Profit Income		
Investment Profit Income		
Profit Income from Sukuk	550,967.94	498,815.93
Profit Income from Islamic Deposits	28,414.81	26,560.89
Realised Gain / (Loss) on Sales Investments	-	(482,150.00)
Unrealised Gain / (Loss) on Holdings	433,812.50	880,917.00
Sub Total For Investment Profit Income	1,013,195.25	924,143.82
Total Profit Income	1,013,195.25	924,143.82
Expenses		
Management Fees	(105,318.66)	(95,328.28)
Trustee Fees	(6,582.38)	(5,957.97)
Other Expenses	(3,845.56)	(1,997.69)
Bank Charges	(10.20)	(103.30)
GST Charges	-	-
Total Expenses	(115,756.80)	(103,387.24)
Net Total Profit/ (Loss)	897,438.45	820,756.58



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	Purchases From 1 Oct 2023 To 31 Dec 2023											
Trade Date	Settle Date	Security Code	Security Description	Currency	Quantity	Clean Price	YTM Cost (%)	Clean Cost (A)	Accrued Profit (B)	Total Cost (A) + (B)	Broker	*Trade Type
23/Nov/2023	27/Nov/2023	VK220258	Air Selangor SRI 4.730% 26.07.29	MYR	500,000.00	103.25	4.0800	516,250.00	8,034.52	524,284.52	RHB Investment Bank Berhad	0
				MYR	500,000.00		- =	516,250.00	8,034.52	524,284.52		

#### Note

- \* Trade Type:
  - 0 Normal Trade
  - 1 Cross Trade
  - 2 Transfer In



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Sales And Realised Gains / (Losses) From 1 Oct 2023 To 31 Dec 2023													
Trade Date	Settle Date	Security Code	Currency	Quantity	Sales Price (Clean)	YTM Sell (Clean)	Sales Proceed (A)	Accrued Profit (B)	Total Sales Proceed (A)+(B)	Total Clean Cost (C)	Realised Gain/(Loss) (A)-(C)	Broker	*Trade Type
No Sales Transaction													

**Company Website** 

#### Note

\* Trade Type:

- 0 Normal Trade
- 1 Cross Trade
- 2 Matured