

# MARKET REVIEWS

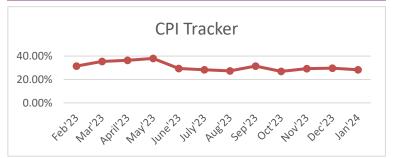


### **Economic Review**

The country's trade deficit decreased significantly to USD 1306m in December compared to 1718m in previous month. Remittances increased by 17% Y/Y to land at USD 2,398 Million. The current account surplus stood at USD 397mn in Dec'23 and, FBR's net revenue collection stood at PKR 984 Billion in Jan'24.

The national CPI stood at 28.30% in Jan'24. The 12-month average saw an increase to 31.00% compared to 30.51% previously. A recent inflow by the IMF of \$700mn boosted the Forex reserves to \$13.26bn. The PKR gained 0.84% against the USD during the month, closing in at PKR 279.5/USD.

Economic Indicators	
CPI Inflation Rate	28.30 %
SBP Interest Rate	22.00%
Net Tax Collection (PKR bn)	681
Forex Reserves (USD bn)	13.26
Remittances (USD mn)	2,398

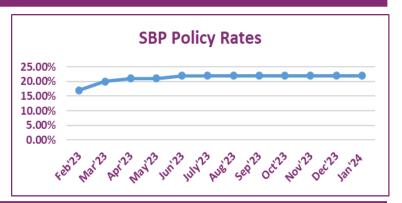


#### **Money Market Review**

The Treasury Bill auction received bids worth of PKR 3876'bn against a target of PKR 325'bn. However, only PKR 319'bn worth of bids were accepted by the SBP.

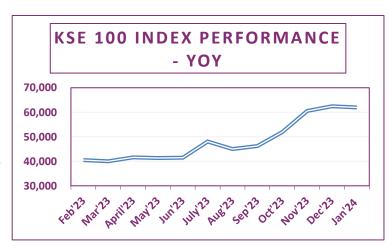
Further, the floating PIB auctions witnessed participation of PKR 1,342'bn against a target of PKR 560'bn. The Ministry of Finance accepted bids worth PKR 444'bn.

The benchmark lending rate (12-Month KIBOR) was 21.19% (-52bps MoM).



# **Stock Market Review**

The KSE-100 index started the month on a positive note, and gained 3%. An approval by IMF of \$700mn and timely rollover of USD 2'bn from the UAE fueled the rally. Tensions at boarder with Iran , and no changes in the policy rate dragged the index down by 0.8% MoM, closing at 61,979 points. Foreign investors were net sellers with an outflow of USD 37.2 million this month. E&P sector contributed +621 following the news of energy circular clearance, meanwhile all other sectors except banking had negative contributions.



# **UNIVERSAL LIFE INVESTMENT FUND**



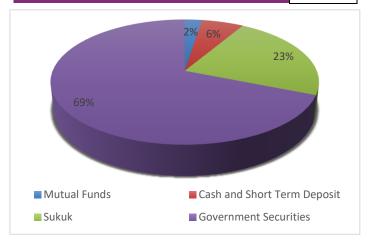
## **Investment Objective**

To achieve a high rate of return through market risk management, liability hedging, portfolio construction, for the policyholders of Askari Life Assurance Company Limited.

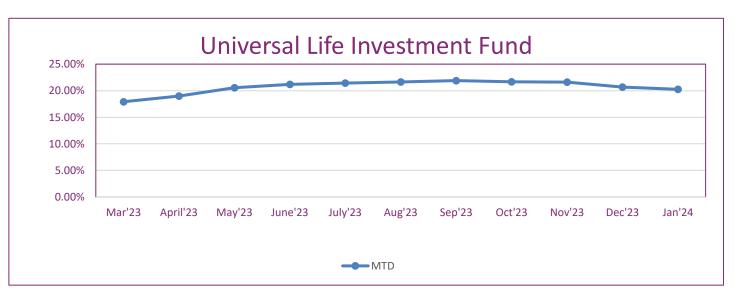
Investment Committee	
Members	Designation
Malik Riffat Mahmood	Chairman
Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Athar Shams, (Retd)	Member
Jehanzeb Zafar	CEO (Member)
Rehan Mobin	CFO (Member)
Azmatullah Sharif	COO (Member)

Terms and Conditions		
Name of Fund	Universal Life Investment Fund	
Type of Scheme	Balanced Fund	
Nature of Scheme	Income Scheme	
Inception Date	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	
Fund Size	PKR 686,376,244	
Auditor	RMS Awais Hyder Liaquat Nauman	
	(chartered accountants)	
Legal Advisor	M/s Saiduddin & Co.	

Asset Mix	
Mutual Funds	2.48%
Cash and Short-Term Deposit	6.01%
Sukuk	22.62%
Government Securities	68.88%



Investment Return		
1 Month	20.25%	
3 Months	20.85%	
12 Months	20.36%	



# UNIVERSAL LIFE PARTICIPANT INVESTMENT FUND (UL-PIF)



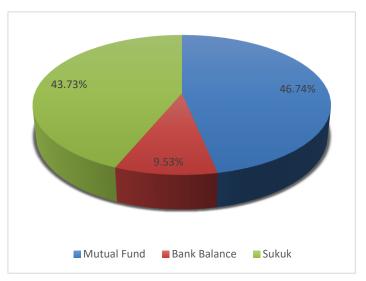
### **Investment Objective**

Achieve a high rate of return through market risk management, liability hedging, portfolio construction, comprising both income and capital appreciation for the participants of Askari Life – Window Takaful Operations.

Investment Committee	
Members	Designation
Malik Riffat Mahmood	Chairman
Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Athar Shams, (Retd)	Member
Jehanzeb Zafar	CEO (Member)
Rehan Mobin	CFO (Member)
Azmatullah Sharif	COO (Member)

Terms and Conditions	
Name of Fund	Universal Life Participant Investment Fund (UL-PIF)
Type of Scheme	Balanced, Shariah Compliant Fund
Nature of Scheme	Income Scheme
Inception Date	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Fund Size	PKR 699,847,620
Auditor	RMS Awais Hyder Liaquat Nauman
	(chartered accountants)
Legal Advisor	M/s Saiduddin & Co.
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Asset Mix	
Mutual Fund	46.74 %
Bank Balance	9.53 %
Sukuk	43.73 %



Investment Return	
1 Month	19.31 %
3 Months	19.74 %
12 Months	19.01 %

