Challenges in the Malaysian Bond & Sukuk Market – Post Covid-19: Panelists



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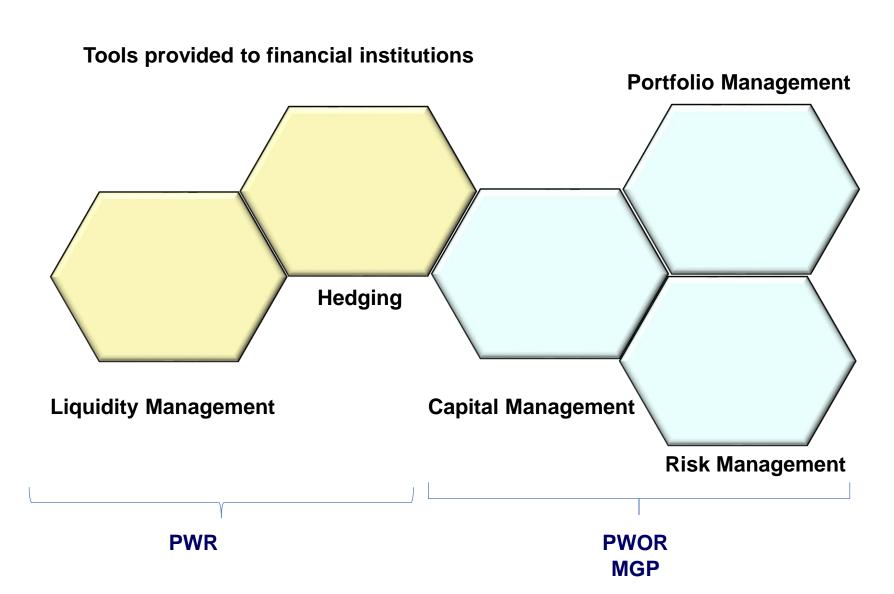


- Governments' response to the resurgence of COVID-19 will shape the global economy in the immediate term
- The government expects 30% of the population to be vaccinated this year. Coupled with successful containment measures, this should lead to fading downside risks and improving consumer sentiment.
- The overall market outlook for 2021 will continue to trend below pre-pandemic levels. We stand by the IMF's projection that inflation will remain low, where this year's outlook for advanced economies is expected to be at 1.6% whereas EMDEs will be at 4.7%, including the ASEAN-5 at 2.3%
- An uneven "V" With the backdrop improving, we expect GDP growth to recover in 2021 and come in at 6.4%.
- To help ease the pandemic's blow on businesses, Parliament had in August passed the 'Temporary Measures for Government Financing (Coronavirus Disease 2019) Act 2020' to temporarily increase the statutory debt limit from 55% to 60% of GDP for two years

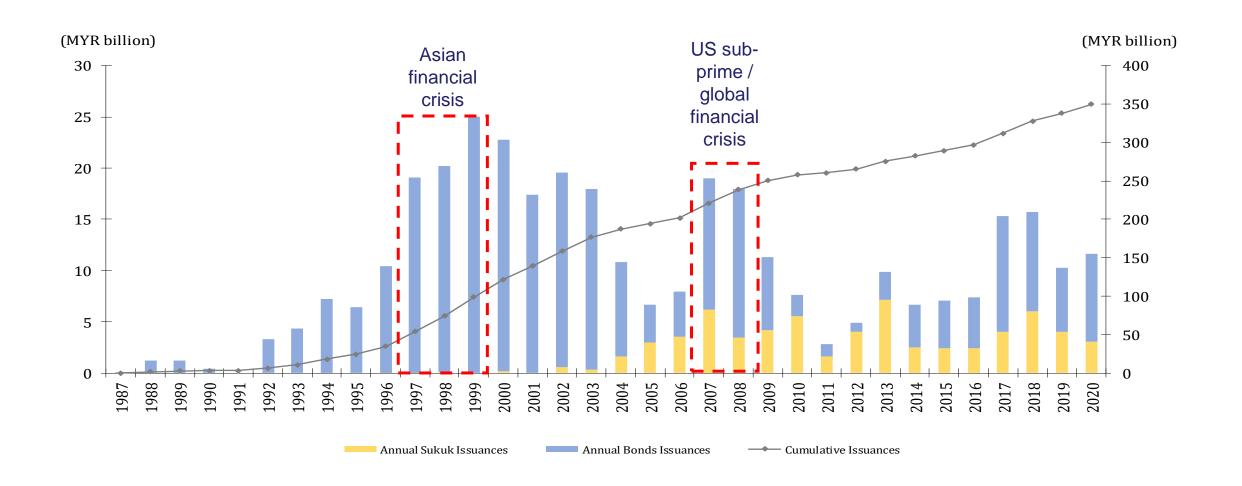
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Challenges Post Covid 19

Extended pandemic condition

Divergence between policy rate and rising yield curve Supply concern to finance deficit that leads to wider spread

Inflation and the bond market are now seen as bigger risks to portfolios than the Covid-19 outbreak Potential credit deterioration for bond investment