

# Participating Fund Update for 2025



## Great Eastern Life (Brunei)

2025 Total Fund Investment Return

**14.7%**

Total Assets

**B\$546m**

Total Benefits Paid

**B\$17.8m**

Value of Bonus Declared

**B\$7.0m**

Dear valued policyholder,

We would like to provide you with an update on the performance of the Participating Fund (“Fund”). This provides you with useful information on key factors affecting the Participating Fund performance and its impact on bonuses allocated to your participating policy(ies).

### What were the portfolio’s investment returns?

	2023	2024	2025	Average of last 3 years	Average of last 5 years	Average of last 10 years
Net Investment Return	6.63%	7.29%	14.71%	9.48%	3.11%	5.88%

### What factors affected the Fund’s performance?

#### 1. Non-investment factors

In 2025, non-investment factors were in line with expectations.

We do not expect short-term fluctuations in these non-investment factors to significantly affect current and future bonuses.

#### BENEFIT PAYMENTS OF THE FUND (B\$)

Maturity and Survival Benefits, Annuities 7.2m

Death, Total and Permanent Disability, Critical Illness Claims 4.1m

Surrender Payments 5.9m

Cash Bonuses 0.6m

	2023	2024	2025	Average of last 3 years	Average of last 5 years	Average of last 10 years
Total Expense Ratio <sup>^</sup>	1.41%	1.15%	1.08%	1.20%	1.51%	1.58%

<sup>^</sup> Total expense ratio is the proportion of total expenses incurred by the Fund to the assets of the Fund. They include investment, management, distribution, tax, and other expenses.

**2. Performance of the global economy**

In 2025, the global economy demonstrated notable resilience despite heightened trade policy uncertainties among major economies. Economic activity continued to expand at a healthy pace, while inflation showed further signs of convergence towards central banks’ policy targets. The moderation in inflationary pressures eased monetary policy across both advanced and emerging economies. Lower interest rates also had positive impact on the economic activity and employment, albeit to varying extents across different economies.

China’s economy showed signs of stabilisation, albeit at a lower rate of growth, amid optimism over advancements in domestic artificial intelligence technology and targeted policy measures to address structural economic challenges, such as low household consumption and oversupply in the property market.

**3. Asset performance**

**Fixed Income**

Global fixed income delivered a broadly strong performance in 2025, with most major segments posting mid to high single-digit total returns despite periodic volatility from trade policies, fiscal concerns, and episodic inflation pressures. The performance was due to easier monetary policy, elevated starting yields and robust demand for credit.

**Equities**

Global equity markets delivered strong returns in 2025, supported by resilient economic growth and easing financial conditions. There was an apparent shift towards global market leadership, with emerging markets and European equities outperforming the US. Nevertheless, US technology stocks continued to be an important structural driver of returns, improving growth prospects and supporting policy measures in other regions which contributed to a more diversified return profile across global equity markets. Chinese equities, a key contributor to the strong performance of emerging markets, also recorded strong gains of 30% during the year, supported by policy stimulus measures, stabilisation in the property sector, and improving investor sentiment towards the internet and consumer related sectors.

**4. Asset risks**

Great Eastern balances risk and return by strategically allocating across asset classes to generate the long-term returns. Asset classes invested in the Fund are exposed to market risk, credit risk, foreign exchange risk, and liquidity risk.

Interest rate derivatives are used for asset-liability management to reduce interest rate exposure by narrowing the asset-liability duration gap. These derivatives are generally exposed to interest rate risk, basis risk, and liquidity risk. Foreign exchange derivatives are used to reduce foreign exchange volatility.

**5. The asset mix of the Fund**

Total market value of the Fund was B\$545.8 million as at 31 December 2025 with the following asset mix:



### What is the outlook for the Fund?

2026 began with much geopolitical uncertainty, ranging from disagreements over Greenland's sovereignty to the conflict in the Middle East. If international relations remain anchored in rational behaviour and international norms, the global economy can be expected to continue to expand, though at a slower pace of growth and with greater differentiation across economies. The key risk to investment performance is that commodity supplies are disrupted for an extended period, thereby depressing growth while exacerbating inflation. Geopolitical uncertainty has been accompanied by heightened two-way volatility across financial markets around the world. In recognition of this uncertain investment landscape, the Fund continues to be invested in a prudent, well-diversified manner to achieve its long-term objective across varying market conditions and through business cycles.

*This is a general commentary on the Fund and cannot be used to specifically describe individual policies.*

### Bonus allocation

Policyholders share in the performance of the Fund through bonuses which are non-guaranteed. Bonuses are determined yearly based on the Fund's combined performance in investment, claims (from death, critical illness and surrender) and expenses, as well as the future outlook of these factors.

Bonus allocations are smoothed over a period of time to reduce fluctuations arising from market conditions.

The bonuses allocated to you will vest upon your policy anniversary. They have been approved by the Board of Directors, considering the written recommendations by the Appointed Actuary.

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The Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited and Great Eastern General Insurance Limited have been assigned the financial strength ratings of "AA" by Fitch Ratings and "AA-" by S&P Global Ratings, one of the highest among Asian life insurance companies. Great Eastern's asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors Limited, is one of the leading asset management companies in Southeast Asia.

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