# **Sun Life Malaysia** Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund March 2020

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	2.54 million units (31 March 2020)	Fund Size	RM2.14 million (31 March 2020)			
Unit NAV	RM0.8398 (31 March 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of Funds			
Benchmark	50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index + 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  Have a long-term investment horizon Have a high risk profile and seek for potentially higher but more volatile investment return Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.8% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul>			

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Mutual Funds	Cash			
95.82%	4.18%			

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Cash	4.18%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND			
Principal Islamic Asia Pac Dynamic Eq Fund	38.67%		
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity Fund	28.94%		
CIMB Islamic Equity Aggressive Fund	28.21%		
Total	95.82%		



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#### PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 March 2020:

%	YTD	1M	3 <b>M</b>	6 <b>M</b>	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-13.24	-8.51	-13.24	-8.72	-7.86	N/A	-16.02
Benchmark	-14.69	-9.31	-14.69	-9.87	-11.63	N/A	-19.99

<sup>\*</sup> Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Notice: Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance which may differ. The fund performance is not guaranteed.

### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

The Fund fell by 8.51% in March 2020, outperforming the benchmark by 0.80%. Year-to-date (YTD), the fund has outperformed the Benchmark by 1.45%. The Fund will stay fully invested in the target funds.

The MSCI AC Islamic Asia ex Japan fell during the month as markets became more volatile upon realization that most countries were not prepared to contain the Covid-19 outbreak. All Asian equity markets fell, with China/ Hong Kong SAR being more resilient, having contained the virus last month. More and more countries are putting in place unprecedented protective orders. While these measures may seem negative in the near term, they will sow the seeds of an eventual recovery. The FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Shariah Index ("FBMS") declined 8.29% in March, as concerns over the Covid-19 outbreak intensified which was further exacerbated by the sharp 47% fall in Brent crude oil price following the breakdown in talks between Saudi Arabia and Russia to extend the OPEC+ production cut agreement.

For regional equities, we had taken pre-emptive measures to trim stocks with exposure to developed world demand and selected emerging markets such as India which is still early in the outbreak curve but situation could worsen. We would look out for opportunities to deploy cash depending on how effective economies globally handle the outbreak and data to suggest the pace of subsequent economic recovery. For Malaysia, on the back of rising market risk premium and volatility, we will remain steadfast with high cash holding and defensive equity portfolio structure in order to preserve capital. We have taken the opportunity to reduce cyclical stocks on rebound and this would tilt our barbell approach more towards capital preservation/defensive bias. With high cash level, we will be looking out to identify the turning point (flattening of epidemic curve) for Covid-19 new cases to reposition the portfolios. Focus will be buying high yield and growth stocks but will be more selective on quality names with resilient earnings and track record.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 March 2020

#### Disclaimer:

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