# Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund September 2020

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To provide investors with an opportunity to gain consistent and stable income by investing in a diversified portfolio of dividend yielding equities and fixed income securities. The Fund may also provide moderate capital growth potential over the medium to long-term period.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	6.84 million units (30 September 2020)	Fund Size	RM9.80 million (30 September 2020)		
Unit NAV	RM1.4344 (30 September 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Titans Income Plus Fund		
Benchmark	50% FBM100 Index + 50% MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Risk Profile	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors:</li> <li>Have a medium to long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Target capital appreciation</li> <li>Do not require regular income</li> <li>Comfortable with higher volatility</li> <li>Willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.5% per annum of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul>		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Equities (Foreign)	Equities (Local)	Cash		
62.58%	26.51%	10.91%		



SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Consumer Discretionary	19.16%			
Information Technology	13.27%			
Communication Services	11.84%			
Industrials	11.52%			
Health Care	8.29%			
Financials	5.89%			
Materials	5.57%			
Energy	4.06%			
Consumer Staples	3.33%			
Utilities	3.19%			
Real Estate	2.97%			
Cash	10.91%			
Total	100.00%			

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Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	5.45%
SEA LTD (United States)	4.07%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	4.00%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	3.47%
Kossan Rubber Industries (Malaysia)	3.15%
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	3.10%
Hartalega Hldg Bhd (Malaysia)	2.84%
Meituan Dianping (Hong Kong)	2.53%
Sany Heavy Industry Co Ltd (China)	2.15%
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	2.00%
Total	32.76%

#### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

This fund feeds into Principal Titans Income Plus Fund ("target fund") with the objective to provide investors with an opportunity to gain consistent and stable income by investing in a diversified portfolio of dividend yielding equities and fixed income securities. The Fund may also provide moderate capital growth potential over the medium to long-term period.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 September 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	3.41	-1.21	25.97	9.49	8.45	35.33	43.44
Benchmark	0.52	-1.99	19.37	5.27	-3.18	17.67	19.69

<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.



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

In September, the fund decline -1.21% in MYR terms, is outperforming the benchmark by 78bps. Year-to-date the Fund rose 3.41%, outperforming the Benchmark by 289bps. The outperformance of the month was driven by health care, financials and oil & gas.

The FTSE Bursa Malaysia Composite Index ("KLCI") fell 1.3% in Sep amid a global equity rout. Nonetheless, it outperformed its regional peers which posted a 6.7% loss in MSCI ASEAN Index. All domestic sub-indices were in the red too except for construction and industrial products. By sector, the market correction was led by healthcare (-11.9%) due to correction of glove stocks on vaccine development news flow, and energy (-10.9%) due to lower crude oil prices. We reiterated our cautious view on the global market perspective in near term driven by US Presidential Election. Heighten volatility in the coming months present a good opportunity to position for 1H2021. Furthermore, after two months of market corrections and taking a 3 to 6 months investment horizon, from valuation perspective, KLCI looks attractive. Sector in focus will be on Technology, Healthcare, Telecommunication and Energy & Commodity-related.

Asia: We maintain our view that the global economy should continue its recovery over the next 12 months, despite near term uncertainties. Any positive newsflow around vaccine availability would help array market concerns. With inflation expected to remain subdued for longer and Fed's average inflation targeting framework, Asian central banks would have less pressure to normalise interest rates and keep rates lower for longer. Hence, the ample liquidity will be a tailwind for Asian equities in the next 12 months.

We rate Asian equities a BUY over a 12-month horizon. We remain positive on China and the more developed Asian economies. Our focus is on companies that benefit from structural growth drivers such as internet platforms, datacenters, electrification of vehicles and quality companies which are long-term winners with significant brand equity or are market share gainers.

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#### **RISKS**

All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

Market risk is the risk of negative movement that affects the price of all assets in a particular capital market. The factors influencing the performance of the markets include:

- Economic and financial market conditions
- Political change
- Broad investor sentiment
- Movements in interest rate and inflation
- Currency risks

Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities and performance of individual companies and general market or economic conditions. Such movements in the underlying values of the share of the investment portfolio will cause the NAV or prices of units to fall as well as rise. Market risk is mitigated through careful selection of securities and diversification through spreading of risk across a basket of assets and/or sectors.

## Security risk

**Market risk** 

Security risk applies to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a company of losing a key executive or the unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market. The risk is mitigated by the fund manager's periodic research and analysis on all the underlying securities held by the fund.

# Foreign currency risk

This risk is associated with investments that are quoted and/or priced in foreign currency denomination. Malaysian based investors should be aware that if the RM appreciates against the currencies in which the portfolio of the investment is denominated, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund and vice versa. Investors should note that any gains or losses arising from the movement of the foreign currencies against its home currency may therefore increase/decrease the capital gains of the investment. Nevertheless, investors should realize that currency risk is considered as one of the major risks to investments in foreign assets due to the volatile nature of the foreign exchange market. The risk is mitigated through a diversified exposure into markets where the regulatory authorities are members of the IOSCO.

#### **Credit risk**

The risk of loss of principal or loss of a financial reward stemming from counterparty's failure to repay a loan or otherwise meet a contractual obligation. This risk is primarily applicable to the liquid assets of this fund. Credit risk is mitigated by fund manager's periodic reviews and analysis.

## Country risk

A fund investing in foreign countries may be affected by risks specific to the countries in which it invests. Such risks include changes in the country's economic fundamentals, social and political stability, currency movements and foreign investment policies. These factors may have an impact on the prices of the Fund"s investment in that country and consequently may also affect the fund"s NAV and its growth. To mitigate this risk, the fund manager will diversify securities investment that spread across various countries.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 30 September 2020

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