

Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund February 2020

FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	106.25 million units (28 February 2020)	Fund Size	RM142.37 million (28 February 2020)			
Unit NAV	RM1.3401 (28 February 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund			
Benchmark	Target return of 8% p.a.	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a medium to long-term investment horizon Want a well-diversified portfolio of Asia Pacific ex Japan region Willing to take moderate risk for potentially moderate capital return over the long-term	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund manageme charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Incompression. 1.8% pa of fund manageme charge is applied on the targe fund's NAV by Principal Assis Management Bhd. 			

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Equities (Foreign)	Cash			
91.65%	8.35%			



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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Information Technology	18.16%			
Financials	16.29%			
Materials	11.77%			
Consumer Discretionary	10.38%			
Industrials	10.36%			
Real Estate	9.64%			
Communication Services	8.20%			
Energy	3.48%			
Health Care	1.79%			
Utilities	1.56%			
Cash	8.35%			
Total	100.0%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	5.77%
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	5.22%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	4.96%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Island)	3.78%
AIA Group Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.71%
HDFC Bank Ltd (India)	3.55%
Techtronic Industries Co.	2.74%
China Resources Land Ltd (Hong Kong)	2.57%
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	2.36%
Largan Precision Co. Ltd (Taiwan)	2.28%
Total	36.94%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund ("target fund") with the objective to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund versus its benchmark as at 28 February 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-4.18	-1.63	2.02	4.31	18.10	33.74	34.01
Benchmark	1.29	0.64	3.92	8.00	25.97	46.93	47.88

^{*} 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

The Fund was down 1.63% in MYR terms in Feb, underperforming the absolute return benchmark by 227bps. Sector wise, Materials and Financials were the main drags, whilst Communication Services contributed positively.

The month of February saw rising uncertainty as the COVID-19 spread to the rest of world. Asset prices have adjusted very quickly and steeply, as MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index fell 4.4% in USD terms. Stock markets are expected to face heightened volatility as it is currently unclear how severe the Covid-19 outbreak is in the US and Europe, and whether the affected countries would be able to enact policies to effectively contain the outbreak. Should the US situation deteriorate and economic activity see significant negative impact, earnings for Asian companies would have to be further adjusted downwards to account for the demand destruction. Our current assumption is that the viral outbreak in the developed world would be well contained, with new confirmed cases peaking in a matter of months. Overall, we are monitoring risks such as: i) the spread of Covid-19 to developed markets; ii) the magnitude and duration of demand slowdown, iii) impact of the drop in oil and equity markets on credit markets and bank loan asset quality, iv) potential funding tightness. Consensus Asia Pac ex-Japan earnings growth is likely to be revised down from 13% to 6-8% in 2020. With major central banks planning on coordinated easing of interest rates, coupled with increasingly aggressive expansion of balance sheets, the liquidity back-drop for Asian equities would be very favorable. Hence, we remain positive on Asian equities on a 12-month horizon. Pull-backs on virus-related fears should be seen as buying opportunities to accumulate quality companies with strong business moats and earnings visibility. We favour countries which we expect to come out of the crisis sooner like China & Singapore, while reducing exposure to companies that have significant exposures to the West where the wave of infections is only beginning and financials. On a sector basis, we prefer technology, Chinese internet companies, cement, and REITs.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd Date: 28 February 2020

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