

## FUND OBJECTIVE

To maximize capital growth over the medium to long-term through the stock market.

## FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	28.33 million units (30 June 2023)	Fund Size	RM72.10 million (30 June 2023)
Unit NAV	RM2.5450 (30 June 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	FBM100
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Fees	Management Fee: 1.5% p.a.
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With a medium to long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Seek maximum 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>	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee & transaction charge

## ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Equities	Cash
Minimum 80% - 98%	Up to 20%

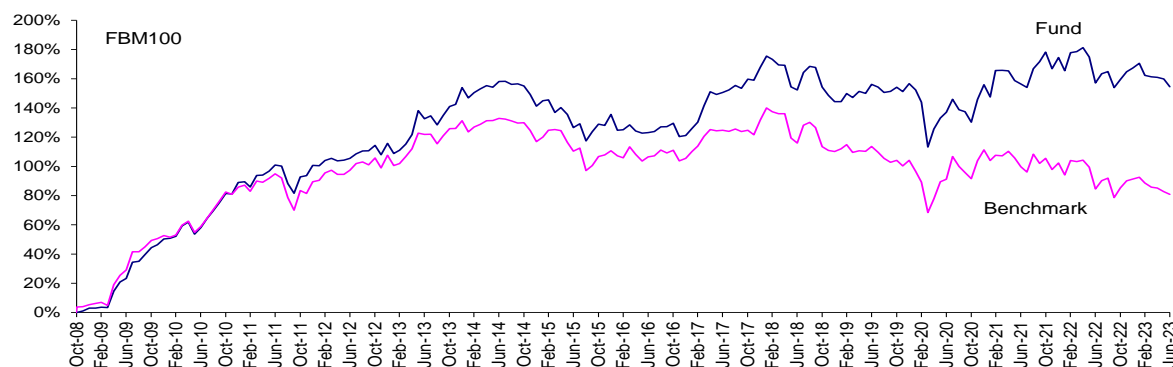
## SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE FUND

Financial Services	21.89%
Consumer Products & Services	10.13%
Health Care	8.89%
Transportation & Logistics	8.76%
Industrial Products & Services	8.64%
Utilities	7.83%
Technology	7.60%
Telecommunications & Media	5.95%
Energy	5.59%
Plantation	4.23%
REIT	2.61%
Construction	2.08%
Cash	5.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## TOP HOLDINGS OF THE FUND (EQUITIES)

Malaysia Airports Holding Bhd	6.79%
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	6.71%
Public Bank Bhd - Local	6.00%
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	5.85%
Malayan Banking Bhd	5.62%
Genting Malaysia Bhd	4.62%
Hartalega Holdings Bhd	3.61%
Press Metal Aluminium Holding Bhd	3.54%
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	3.21%
Genting Bhd	2.97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.92%</b>

## PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	-4.81	-2.04	-1.03	7.38	0.89	9.43	154.50
<b>Benchmark</b>	-5.53	-1.06	-2.03	-5.46	-16.28	-18.51	80.82

\* 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

### Market review

In June 2023, the Fund was down 2.04%, underperforming the benchmark by 98 basis points (bps). The underperformance was mainly due to the fund's overweight in Health Care, Utilities and Consumer Discretionary as well as its underweight in Consumer Staples and Financials.

### Portfolio Strategy

FBMKLCI lost 10.4pts or 0.75% and ended June at 1,376.68pts. Investors remain cautious of the sustained weakness of the Ringgit, a rather uninspiring 1Q23 corporate results although they were broadly in line, and domestic political uncertainties caused by the upcoming State elections. Expectations of a US recession have now been pushed back to 2024 given the still buoyant data points coming out of the US and consequently stoking bets of further rate hikes by the Fed in 2H23.

Malaysia's PMI reading for June was 47.7pts vs 47.8pts in May. According to S&P Global, the weaker reading was due to sustained slowdown in new order flows from both domestic and international clients, and manufacturers continue to scale back purchasing as well as staffing. There was a slight uptick in input cost, partly to the Ringgit weakness, but still well below 2022 levels. Overall, the outlook remained positive amid hopes that demand environment would recover in 2H23, albeit the degree of optimism is fading.

Malaysia's economy expanded 5.6% yoy in 1Q23. The strong growth was contributed by further expansion of household spending, continued investment activity, improving labor market and higher tourism activities. S&P Global opines that the 2Q23 PMI data so far suggests the GDP will hold steady around the 5.5% yoy mark in proximity with the 1Q23 print. BNM made no change to Malaysia's GDP growth of 4-5% in 2023.

BNM may keep OPR unchanged at 3.00% in the upcoming meeting, but there are mounting pressures to intervene given the Ringgit weakness. The central bank could resort to administrative measures instead. Inflation cooled further with May's CPI reading at 2.8% vs April 3.3% and remained in line with BNM's target of 2.8-3.8% for 2023.

ADTV in June improved slightly to RM2bn. Foreigners net sold RM1.3bn - June marked the 10th consecutive month of foreign outflows – YTD totaled RM4.2bn, matched by local institutional and retailers net buying RM0.6m and RM0.3m respectively. Retail, local institutions and foreign institutions made up 27%, 28% and 33% of total value traded.

Malaysia's equity market valuations remain compressed with forward PE of under 13x still at over -2SD below the historical mean. This is based on consensus earnings growth of 9% for 2023 (after proper calibration of the 2022 base) and 8% for 2024. We remain hopeful that elevated risk premiums on Malaysia would abate over time.

We prefer to maintain a cautious stance and continue to adopt a barbell strategy, balancing between value and growth, though we saw opportunity on selective sectors post the recent market sell-down. We are constructive on domestic-driven sectors, such as Utilities and REITS, while we continue to like structural growth themes in selective Technology. Furthermore, in view of a stronger rebound in tourist arrivals post-reopening in China, we also like airport and tourism-related stocks. Key risks are the derailment of Malaysia's macroeconomic recovery and corporate earnings growth due to the larger-than-expected impact of rising inflation, slower global economic growth, and heightened geopolitical risks.

## RISKS

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

<b>Market risk</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economic and financial market conditions</li><li>• Political change</li><li>• Broad investor sentiment</li><li>• Movements in interest rate and inflation</li><li>• Currency risks</li></ul> <p>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.</p>
<b>Company or security specific risk</b>	<p>There are many specific risks, which apply 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 conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.</p>
<b>Credit risk</b>	<p>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 conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.</p>

Source : *Principal Asset Management Bhd*

Date : *30 June 2023*

### Disclaimer:

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