## Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund November 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	6.26 million units (30 November 2020)	Fund Size	RM9.59 million (30 November 2020)			
Unit NAV	RM1.5321 (30 November 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		
63.35%	26.88%	9.77%		



SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Consumer Discretionary	14.79%			
Information Technology	14.02%			
Communication Services	12.18%			
Industrials	12.09%			
Financials	11.68%			
Materials	7.52%			
Consumer Staples	6.60%			
Health Care	4.60%			
Energy	4.42%			
Real Estate	2.31%			
Cash	9.77%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND				
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	5.44%			
SEA LTD (United States)	3.89%			
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	3.58%			
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	3.42%			
LG Chem Ltd (South Korea)	3.35%			
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	3.22%			
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd (Malaysia)	2.90%			
United Overseas Bank Ltd (Singapore)	2.44%			
WUXI BIOLOGICS CAYMAN INC (Hong Kong)	2.36%			
Sany Heavy Industry Co Ltd (China)	2.30%			
Total	32.90%			

#### 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 November 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	10.45	3.93	22.73	14.74	13.71	43.86	53.21
Benchmark	7.07	6.20	15.29	10.35	2.59	22.45	27.49

<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**

In November, the fund rose +3.93% in MYR terms, underperforming the benchmark by -227bps. Year-to-date the Fund rose +10.35%, outperforming the Benchmark by 338bps. The underperformance of the month was driven by consumer services, financials and oil & gas.

The FTSE Bursa Malaysia Composite Index ("KLCI") ended the month higher by 6.5% MoM. Positive catalysts for the market were the successful test trials of several covid19 vaccines and passing of the 2020 Budget. Sector wise, Energy +24.0%, Transport +15.7%, Finance +15.0% were the top performers for the month. With major uncertainties (US Presidential Election and Malaysia Budget 2021) are now being addressed and cheap valuations, we are now cautiously optimistic for 1H2021. Earlier hope for rapid recovery in 4Q2020 may be dented (due to resurgence of COVID-19 globally) but we are now confident of a sustainable economic recovery in 1H2021. Sector in focus for will be on Bank and Financial Services, Gaming, Consumer, Technology and Commodity-related.

Asia: While the number of new infections is still rising rapidly in certain countries especially in Europe and the US, we maintain our view that the global economy should continue its recovery over the next 12 months. Recent positive announcements surrounding the efficacy of vaccines by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna means that it is likely to be introduced soon for emergency use. Monetary and fiscal policies should also remain supportive with the US likely to introduced another fiscal stimulus to support the economy.

We rate Asian equities a BUY over a 12-month horizon. We remain positive on China and the more developed Asian economies. We are also starting to increase exposure to emerging markets such as India and Indonesia as growth broadens out. Sector wise, the preference has been for cyclical or economic sensitive sectors such as industrial, materials and financials. Our focus continues to be 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 November 2020

#### Disclaimer:

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