

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Fund is to grow the value of Unit Holders' investments over the medium to long-term in an equity fund that invests in the global titans market of the US, Europe and Japan with an exposure to the Malaysian equities market to balance any short-term volatilities.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH**

Please refer to the Master Fund Fact Sheets at <u>https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/</u> for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach for the target fund.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	33.62 million units (31 December 2024)	Fund Size	RM88.53 million (31 December 2024)		
Unit NAV	RM2.6329 (31 December 2024)	Target Fund	Principal Global Titans Fund- Class MYR		
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Performance Benchmark	42% S&P500 + 36% MSCI Europe + 12% MSCI Japan + 10% CIMB Bank 1-Month Fixed Deposit Rate	Frequency and Basis of Unit Valuation	The unit price is determined daily based on value of the holdings in the target fund, net of expenses, divided by the total number of units in that fund		
Target Market	<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>	Fund Management Charge	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund</li> <li>Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd</li> </ul>		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Collective Investment Schemes	Equities	Cash	
Minimum 50% and up to 98% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Up to 50% of NAV	The remaining balance of funds NAV	

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Mutual Fund	82.19%	SPDR S&P 500 ETF (United States)         22.3		
Information Technology	6.88%	iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF (Europe)	14.96%	
Industrials	1.48%	iShares US Equity Factor RotationActive ETF (United States)	6.37%	
Consumer Discretionary	1.07%	JP Morgan Europe REI ESG UCITS ETF (Europe)	5.57%	
Financials	0.82%	Principal GLB - EUR EQ-INS ACC (Europe)	5.33%	
Cash	7.56%	FTGF ClearBridge - US Large Cap (United States)	4.36%	
Total	100.00%	JPMorgan US Growth Fund (United States) 3.569		
		JPMorgan Europe Strategic Growth Fund (Europe)	3.29%	
		NEXT FUNDS TOPIX Banks ETF (Japan)	3.27%	
		JP Morgan US REI Equity ESG UCITS ETF (United States)	3.05%	
		Total	72.03%	

## **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

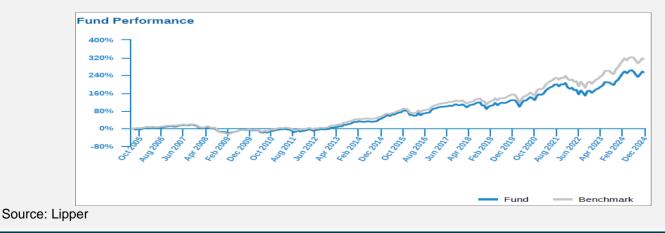
This fund feeds into Principal Global Titans Fund - Class MYR ("target fund") with the objective to achieve medium to longterm in an equity fund that invests in the global titans market of the US, Europe and Japan with an exposure to Malaysian equities market to balance any short term volatilities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 December 2024:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	10.14	-1.13	-2.47	10.14	16.11	53.87	163.29
Benchmark	9.04	-1.41	-2.54	9.04	21.71	61.91	185.83

\* Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Graph Below shows the historical performance of the underlying collective investment schemes (CIS) for calendar year returns:



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### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Fund declined by 1.13% in December, outperforming the benchmark by 28bps. YTD, the Fund is up 10.14%, underperformed the benchmark by 110bps.

Market concerns centered on the potential impact of the new US administration's policies on inflation, the fiscal deficit, and global growth. Profit-taking led to a decline in majordeveloped markets indices by the end of 2024: the S&P 500 fell 2.4%, MSCI Europe dropped 0.5%, while MSCI Japan rose 4.3%, all in local currency terms. The US Dollarstrengthened by 2.6%, fueled by expectations of inflationary pressures from Trump's fiscal policies, potentially limiting future Fed rate cuts. The Euro weakened by 2.1%, driven by aweaker economic outlook and anticipated ECB rate cuts. The Japanese Yen depreciated 5%, following a dovish BOJ meeting signaling a delay in rate hikes until 1Q25 when BOJ hasmore evidence of wage growth sustainability. The US economy remained resilient, with the 10-year Treasury yield surging to 4.7% at the time of writing.

US headline inflation in November rose to 2.7% YoY, in line with expectations, while core inflation, excluding food and energy, held steady at 3.3% YoY. Retail sales increased by 0.7%MoM, surpassing forecasts and indicating strong consumer spending during the holiday season. Non-Farm Payrolls added 227k jobs in November, recovering from the negative effects of the Boeing strikes and Hurricane disruptions in the prior month. The unemployment rate edged up slightly to 4.2%, but the labor market remains resilient with robust wage growth. The ISM Manufacturing PMI showed a slight rebound, while the Services PMI advanced higher, signaling a resilient US economy overall. The Euro Area economic growth expanded by0.4% QoQ in Q3 (initial estimate), indicating a recovery from the previous quarter. Euro Area inflation continued to increase to 2.4% in December (2.2% YoY in November), in line withconsensus forecast. Europe's manufacturing PMI remains in contraction, while the services PMI moved to expansion zone. The ECB delivered another 25bps rate cut in the Decembermeeting. Japan's Manufacturing PMI held steady in contraction, but the Tankan survey showed a more positive outlook in the manufacturing sector. The services PMI is at theborderline of expansion. Inflation continued to be strong, increasing to 2.9% in November, with core inflation (excluding food and energy) accelerating to 2.4%. Wage growth remainedrobust, with the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) targeting at least 5% wage hikes for the 2025 spring wage negotiation. The resilient economic situation and strongwage growth support BOJ's plan to continue increase interest rates. Forward 12-month corporate earnings have been revised up for US and Japan, while Europe is seeing earningsdowngrades.

Strategy: Slight Overweight US & Japan, Underweight Europe. The US economic dominance remains intact, supported by strong consumer spending and robust corporate balancesheets, in contrast to weakness in Europe and China. However, uncertainty around Trump administration policies on tariffs, immigration, tax cuts and deregulation may affect USinflation and the fiscal deficit. Combined with labor market resilience, this could challenge the disinflation trajectory of inflation falling to the Fed's 2% target and delay interest rate cuts. Ongoing inflation pressures and a growing fiscal deficit are likely to keep treasury yields elevated, posing risks to US equities at expensive valuations. Within US, attractiveopportunities may arise in economically sensitive sectors, such as financials and small-mid-cap stocks. Europe faces economic challenges, and it's vulnerable to risks from increasedtrade tariffs and political/geopolitical tensions. In Japan, the fundamental themes of reflation and ongoing corporate governance reforms remain intact. We maintain the view that policynormalization in Japan will be gradual, with monetary policy remaining accommodative as real interest rates stay negative, to support economic growth.

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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	Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the target fund's NAV.
Stock specific risk	Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the target fund's NAV.
Country risk	Investments of the target fund in any country may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund invests. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the target fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the target fund or prices of units to fall.
Currency risk	As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the investments are denominated depreciate against the base currency, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the target fund and vice versa. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.
Fund manager's risk	Since the target fund invests into collective investment scheme managed by another manager, the fund manager has absolute discretion over the fund's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the fund and/or the management company, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into the fund would be affected negatively. Although the probability of such occurrence is minute, should the situation arise, Principal (S) will seek for an alternative collective investment scheme that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.

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### **RISKS (CONTINUED)**

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Credit and default risk

Investments of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal (S) aims to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.

#### Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd Date : 31 December 2024

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