

# FUND OBJECTIVE

A total return fund that seeks to capture the high growth of developing companies within the Asia (ex-Japan) region.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	20 May 2014 Domicile Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	11.99 million units (30 September 2020)	Fund Size	RM19.47 million (30 September 2020)		
Unit NAV	RM1.6233 (30 September 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	Affin Hwang Select Asia (e: Japan) Quantum Fund		
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia (ex-Japan) Small Cap 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>Are risk tolerance</li> <li>Are seeking higher returns for their investments compared to the performance benchmark</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund</li> <li>Up to 1.5% p.a. of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad</li> </ul>		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Equities	Cash	
Minimum 70%; Max 100%	Remaining Balance	

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)		
Consumer Goods	23.80%	Guan Chong Bhd 9.		
Health Care	21.90%	Universal Vision Biotechnology	9.00%	
Financials	17.80%	Greatech Technology Bhd	8.90%	
Technology	15.90%	CMGE Technology Group Ltd	8.00%	
Industrials	14.40%	Pentamaster International Ltd	6.40%	
Consumer Services	4.70%	Hygeia Healthcare Holdings Co	5.90%	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.40%	Weimob Inc	5.70%	
Total	100.00%	Supercomnet Technologies Bhd	5.60%	
		A-Living Services Co Ltd	4.70%	
		Yeahka Ltd	4.20%	
		Total	68.10%	

### PERFORMANCE RECORD

The Fund feeds into Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve consistent capital appreciation over medium to long-term by investing mainly in growth companies in Asia (ex Japan) with market capitalization of not more than USD1.5 billion at the time of acquisition, subject to the flexibility of investing up to 30% of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund in companies in Asia (ex Japan) with market capitalization of not more than USD3.0 billion at the time of acquisition.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 September 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	31.88	-1.27	57.08	42.54	19.87	54.47	62.33
Benchmark	4.99	-1.65	34.84	9.82	-7.53	6.10	25.31

\* 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

- Global equities dipped in September, with the S&P 500 index down 6.0%, whilst the Nasdaq Composite index plunged 7.7% as a tech rout deepened. President Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis injected fresh uncertainty to the US elections with investors already on edge trying to evaluate the possible outcomes.
- In Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index was down 1.5% in September, as the Hong Kong Hang Seng index closed 6.4% lower amidst profit taking ahead of the Golden Week holidays in China.
- This was despite positive data released in the month, with Chinese industrial output accelerating in August, up 5.6%, to spark a jump in the yuan to a 16-month high. Retail sales in China also grew for the first time this year.
- Singapore's export growth increased in August, supported by demand from China and increased electronic goods export
- The local market mirrored regional weakness with the benchmark KLCI falling 2.4% in October as political uncertainty dampened sentiment and a surge in COVID-19 cases in the country sent jitters to investors.
- **STRATEGY**: With the US Federal Reserves maintaining its dovish bias and keeping liquidity taps flowing, we see support for risk assets continuing. Hence, we remain positive on our tech holdings which continue to see strong growth.
- The fund remains highly invested as we do not think the current market correction will be protracted. The correction is healthy as sentiments and valuations on certain sectors were becoming excessive.
- Currently tilted more towards the healthcare and consumer sector with exposure at 22% and 24% respectively. Country allocation will be tilted towards Malaysia and China.



RISKS			
All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:			
Market risk	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:		
	<ul> <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>		
	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	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 combination of exposure in Asia ex Japan equities.		
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 : Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

Date : 30 September 2020

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