

# **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.

FUND DETAILS			
Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	25.95 million units (30 September 2020)	Fund Size	RM45.87 million (30 September 2020)
Unit NAV	RM1.7677 (30 September 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Global Titans Fund
Benchmark	42% S&P500 + 36% MSCI Europe + 12% MSCI Japan + 10% CIMB Bank 1-Month Fixed Deposit Rate	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 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			
Equities (Foreign)	Mutual Fund	Cash	
62.53%	28.08%	9.40%	



SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
SPDRS&P 500 ETF 37.5			
IShares Core MSCI Eur ETF EUR Dist	17.04%		
Principal GLB EUR EQ-INS ACC	10.29%		
JPM Europe Strategic Growth Fd	9.26%		
TOPIX ETF	8.47%		
Legg Mason GLB - US Large Cap	5.14%		
JPM Japan Yen Fund	3.62%		
Cash	8.64%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Facebook Inc	6.93%	
Apple Inc	5.91%	
Microsoft Corp	5.65%	
Toyota Motor Corp	3.30%	
Softbank	2.20%	
Sony Corporation	2.10%	
Keyence Corporation	1.90%	
Amazon.com Inc	1.62%	
Nintendo Co. Ltd	1.60%	
Nestle S.A.	1.50%	
Total	32.71%	

# PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Global Titans Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve medium to long-term capital gains by investing into the US, Europe and Japan equities while having some Malaysia equities exposure to counter the short-term volatility in the global equities markets.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 September 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6 <b>M</b>	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	3.31	-2.27	17.78	8.56	15.08	37.18	76.77
Benchmark	0.35	-2.91	18.20	5.90	14.60	40.40	77.18

<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**

The Fund (Class MYR) declined by 2.27% during the month of September 2020, outperforming the benchmark by 64 basis points (bps). Year-to-date, the Fund increased by 3.31%, outperforming the benchmark by 296 bps.

Developed markets went through a volatile month. MSCI US and Europe declined by 3.7% and 1.4%, respectively. MSCI Japan increased by 0.45%. The Dollar Index remained weak amid expectation that US interest rate will remain low for an extended period. Euro depreciated by 1.8%. Japanese Yen appreciated slightly with Yoshihide Suga as the prime minister and cabinet was left unchanged. As northern hemisphere enters the autumn season, virus cases started to rise again in France, Spain and UK as well as many states in US.

Economic activity represented by PMI continue to improve across developed markets though Japan's recovery is lagging with PMI still in contraction zone. However, US unemployment rate and weekly initial jobless claims are still hovering at high levels. The next 12-months corporate earnings are expected to continue improve for US and Europe, with Japan staying flat. However, the passing of another fiscal stimulus package in US has been delayed, which may affect consumer activities as jobless people struggle with much less financial support. The less generous job support scheme in UK may also lead to a rise in unemployment after the end of October. On the other hand, Europe has extended its support scheme for workers affected by the pandemic. US valuation has come down to historical long-term mean with market correction.

We remain neutral on all developed markets as we expect short-term market volatility remains high ahead of the US presidential election, with virus cases resurging in Europe and US and tensions in US-China relationship. We maintain our view that the global economy should continue its recovery over the next 12 months, despite near term uncertainties. We think the resurgence of virus cases would be contained by better preparedness, expanded testing capabilities and targeted contact tracing. Positive vaccine news could further lift market concerns. While fiscal stimulus is fading in US and UK, we expect market will continue to be supported by low interest rates and ample liquidity. Within equity, we are neutral on all markets.



# RISKS

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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:  • 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	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 realise 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 fund's exposure into the U.S, European, Japanese and Malaysia 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: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 30 September 2020

#### Disclaimer:

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