# Sun Life Malaysia **Growth Fund**

June 2024



## FUND OBJECTIVE

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

Launch Date	20 October 2008	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	28.48 million units (28 June 2024)	Fund Size	RM97.45 million (28 June 2024)	
Unit NAV	RM3.4219 (28 June 2024)	Performance Benchmark	FBM100	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	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	
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee	
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>are comfortable with higher volatility</li> <li>are willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains</li> </ul>	Fund Management Charge	Management Fee: 1.5% p.a	

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND		
Equities	Cash	
Minimum 80% of NAV and up to 98%	The remaining balance of funds NAV	

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Financial Services	19.24%
Utilities	12.77%
Energy	11.84%
Construction	10.41%
Industrial Products & Services	8.97%
Health Care	7.74%
Transportation & Logistics	6.29%
Technology	6.17%
Property	5.65%
Consumer Products & Services	5.07%
Telecommunications & Media	1.72%
Plantation	1.44%
IPO	0.19%
Cash	2.50%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE FUND (EQUITIES)	
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	6.58%
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	6.53%
Malaysia Airports Holding Bhd	4.95%
Public Bank Bhd - Local	4.82%
Hartalega Holdings Bhd	4.46%
YTL Power International Bhd	4.20%
Malayan Banking Bhd	3.94%
IJM Corp Bhd	3.68%
Dayang Enterprise Holding Bhd	3.65%
Dialog Group Bhd	3.33%
Total	46.14%

## PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Inception
Fund*	22.95	1.95	34.46	33.46	33.62	32.59	242.19
Benchmark	12.52	0.24	19.85	8.49	1.43	-6.94	116.71

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

### Source: Lipper



## **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

### Market review

In June 2024, the Fund increased by 1.95%, outperforming the benchmark by 171 basis points (bps). The outperformance was mainly due to the fund's overweight in Industrials and Health Care, as well as its underweight in Communication Services, Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples, Financials and Materials.

### Portfolio Strategy

KLCI shed 0.4% in June as investors took the opportunity to lock in gains during half-time, but still remained relatively upbeat considering recent weakness in US economic data and inflation moderating. Utilities and Healthcare rose while Consumer eased. Within the broader market, Construction and Tech posted strong gains, while other sectors were mixed.

Malaysia's manufacturing sector reflected stable conditions in June, with the PMI reading at 49.9pts vs 50.2pts in May. S&P Global saw further expansion in total new orders and exports, while staffing levels were unchanged. There was also stability in input cost inflation and firms raised prices at an accelerated pace. Firms remained cautious and scaled back purchases as well as inventories, and business confidence waned further. That said, the latest PMI data supports an acceleration in GDP growth into 2Q. To recap, BNM projects GDP to grow 4-5% in 2024, from an estimate of 3.8% in 2023, and 4.2% in 1Q24.

We expect BNM to maintain OPR at 3.00% for the rest of the year given muted inflation and modest economic growth. Inflation was at 2% in May, an uptick from April. There appears to be sufficient headroom to central bank's latest 2.0-3.5% CPI forecast for 2024 with the impending subsidy rationalization plans.

Despite the strong performance YTD, Malaysia's equity market valuation remains compressed, trading at a forward PE of 13.9x which is around 1SD below the historical mean. This is based on consensus earnings growth of 10% for both 2024 and 2025 (post inclusion of Sunway into FBM30; +9% growth for 2025 in May). Sustained strength in domestic investments (both DDI and FDI), fiscal consolidation gathering pace (in particular subsidy rationalisation initiatives) and the stablisation of the Ringgit are factors we see supportive of narrowing risk premiums (current yield gap at ~330bps) and higher valuation multiples.

Overall, we are still positive on the market. We believe key themes such as NETR will continue to drive the market. We stay overweight in Utilities, Construction, Property and selective O&G. Additionally, we remain optimistic on selective Financials as we expect positive momentum to persist. 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 risk.

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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	<ul> <li>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:</li> <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.			
Company or security specific risk	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.			
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 conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.			

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd Date : 28 June 2024

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