

### FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide capital appreciation through investments in collective investment scheme, which invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of technology related companies.

### FUND DETAILS

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|----------------------|---|--------------|--|
| Launch Date          | 01 June 2022  | Domicile     | Malaysia   |
| Currency             | Ringgit Malaysia  | Launch Price | RM1.0000   |
| Units in Circulation | 23.16 million units<br>(31 July 2023)   | Fund Size    | RM29.62 million<br>(31 July 2023)  |
| Unit NAV             | RM1.2790<br>(31 July 2023)  | Dealing      | Daily<br>(as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)   |
| Fund Manager         | Principal Asset Management Bhd  | Target Fund  | Principal Global Technology MYR-Hedged class Fund  |
| Benchmark            | MSCI World Information Technology Index   | Taxation     | 8% of annual investment income   |
| Risk Profile         | <p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are sophisticated investors;</li> <li>Have a long term investment horizon;</li> <li>Seek capital appreciation from investment in predominantly equity securities; and</li> <li>Want exposure to the technology sector.</li> </ul> | Fees         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Global Technology Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.8% 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

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Mutual Fund | Cash  |
| 95.12%      | 4.88% |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND       |         |
|--|---------|
| Semiconductors                             | 19.89%  |
| Application Software                       | 19.65%  |
| Systems Software                           | 15.34%  |
| Others                                     | 12.69%  |
| Transaction & Payment Processing Services  | 7.51%   |
| Internet Services & Infrastructure         | 6.91%   |
| Broadline Retail                           | 5.76%   |
| Semiconductor Equipment                    | 5.32%   |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 4.99%   |
| Cash                                       | 1.94%   |
| Total                                      | 100.00% |

| TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| NVIDIA Corp (United States)       | 8.00%  |
| Microsoft Corp (United States)    | 6.86%  |
| Amazon.com Inc (United States)    | 5.27%  |
| Apple Inc (United States)         | 4.99%  |
| Mastercard Inc United States)     | 3.10%  |
| ServiceNow Inc (United States)    | 2.83%  |
| ASML Holding NV (Netherlands)     | 2.79%  |
| Synopsys Inc (United States)      | 2.57%  |
| Salesforce Inc (United States)    | 2.54%  |
| Analog Devices Inc (United State) | 2.15%  |
| Total                             | 41.10% |

## PERFORMANCE RECORD

The fund feeds into Principal Global Technology Fund - Class MYR-Hedged ("target fund") with the aim of providing capital appreciation through investments in one collective investment scheme, which invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of technology related companies.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Global Technology Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 July 2023:

| %                | YTD   | 1M   | 3M    | 6M    | 1-Year | 3-Years | Since Inception |
|------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| <b>Fund*</b>     | 36.89 | 3.53 | 21.86 | 23.54 | 27.90  | N/A     | 27.90           |
| <b>Benchmark</b> | 42.85 | 2.72 | 18.03 | 29.76 | 24.54  | N/A     | 40.89           |

\* 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 rose by 3.53% during the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.81ppt.

Global equities staged a broad-based rally in July, driven by investor optimism that slower inflation and resilient gross domestic product growth in major developed markets can help their central banks to navigate economies into a soft landing. Second-quarter corporate earnings reports that generally exceeded consensus estimates further boosted stocks worldwide. Global manufacturing activity contracted in July for the 11th consecutive month, while global services activity expanded at the weakest pace since February. The IT and communication services sectors continued to be supported by improving corporate forecasts as the second-quarter earnings season unfolded, aided in part by a lot of upside surprises amongst high-profile tech bellwethers. Tech and communications stocks have been rising despite the still-weak earnings picture, partly on expectations that the US Federal Reserve may be nearing the end of its rate-hiking campaign.

We continue to believe "Digital Transformation" (DT) is a multi-trillion-dollar opportunity as it enables a widening array of companies to leverage software and data to better understand their customers and business processes, as well as various technologies to radically transform how they operate. Furthermore, with evidence that DT drives improved productivity and deeper customer relationships, we believe companies are now operationalising and scaling what worked during the COVID crisis and extending their DT initiatives into other parts of their operations.

In our long-term view, the most important aspect is still "quality," which we define as companies with strong, improving competitive positions, experienced / talented management teams with a proven track record of execution, premium-level financial strength and strong unit economics - along with an awareness about the costs they are imposing on the environment and society, adding to signs that an appropriate corporate governance structure is in place.

**RISKS**

All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

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| <b>Returns not guaranteed</b> | The investment of the target fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is NO GUARANTEE on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the target fund's investment objective will be achieved.  |
| <b>Market risk</b>            | The value of an investment will decrease or increase due to changes in market factors i.e. economic, political or other events that impact large portions of the market. Market risk cannot be eliminated, hence the target fund's investment portfolio may be prone to changing market conditions that may result in uncertainties and fluctuations in the value of the underlying of the target fund's investment portfolio, causing the NAV or prices of units to fluctuate.  |
| <b>Inflation risk</b>         | This is the risk of your investment in the target fund not growing or generating income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the nominal value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.   |
| <b>Currency risk</b>          | Currency risk is applicable to class(es) (e.g. Class MYR) which is in a different currency than the base currency of the Fund (i.e. USD). The impact of the exchange rate movement between the base currency of the fund and the currency denomination of the respective classes may result in a depreciation of the value of your holdings as expressed in the base currency. As for the hedged class, the class itself provides mitigation to the currency risk arising from the difference between the currency denomination of the class and the base currency. While Principal aims to fully hedge the currency risk for a hedged class, you should note that it may not entirely eliminate currency risk. In addition, as a result of hedging, a hedged class will not be able to enjoy the full benefits of the currency movement in the event of a favourable movement of the currency denomination of the hedged class against the base currency of the fund. You should also note that hedging incurs costs which will impact the NAV of a hedged Class. |
| <b>Manager's risk</b>         | Since the target fund invests into a collective investment scheme (CIS) managed by another manager, the master fund's manager has absolute discretion over the target fund's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the master fund, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into the master fund would be affected negatively.   |
| <b>Country risk</b>           | As the target fund invests in the master fund which is domiciled in Luxembourg, the target fund's investments in the master fund may be affected by risks specific to Luxembourg. Changes to laws and regulations of Luxembourg may have an adverse impact on the master fund, and consequently the target fund.   |

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### **Biotechnology, Communication and Technology Sectors risk**

Investment in the biotechnology, communication and technology sectors may present a greater risk and a higher volatility than investment in a broader range of securities covering different economic sectors. In addition, these sectors may be subject to greater government regulation than other sectors and, as a result, changes to such government regulation may have a material adverse effect on these sectors. Such investments may therefore drop sharply in value in response to market, regulatory or research setbacks in addition to possible adverse effects from the competition of new market entrants, patent considerations and product obsolescence. Particularly within technology, short product cycles and diminishing profit margins are additional factors to consider when investing.

**Source :** *Principal Asset Management Bhd*

**Date :** *31 July 2023*

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