

Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund August 2020

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	Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	11.85 million units (28 August 2020)	Fund Size	RM19.48 million (28 August 2020)			
Unit NAV	RM1.6441 (28 August 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund			
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia (ex-Japan) Small Cap Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	 Suitable for investors: Have a medium to long term investment horizon Are risk tolerance Are seeking higher returns for their investments compared to the performance benchmark 	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund Up to 1.5% p.a. of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad 			

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



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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Health Care	25.60%			
Consumer Goods	22.90%			
Financials	20.10%			
Technology	15.60%			
Industrials	8.20%			
Basic Materials	3.10%			
Consumer Services	1.30%			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.20%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)				
Guan Chong Bhd	10.50%			
Universal Vision Biotechnology	9.00%			
Greatech Technology Bhd	7.60%			
CMGE Technology Group Ltd	6.90%			
Hygeia Healthcare Holdings Co	6.20%			
Pentamaster International Ltd	5.80%			
Yeahka Ltd	4.50%			
A-Living Services Co Ltd	4.40%			
Sichuan Languang Justbon Svcs	3.90%			
Weimob Inc	3.90%			
Total	62.70%			

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 28 August 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	33.57	7.54	37.62	43.10	19.81	63.20	64.41
Benchmark	6.93	3.47	13.88	13.21	-6.55	13.45	27.62

^{*} 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.



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FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- Global markets ended higher last month buoyed by policy support and an encouraging results season which helped boost sentiment. The US S&P 500 index rose 6.8% as the US Federal Reserve announced a policy shift that would maintain a higher flexibility on inflation targets and which favours lower interest rates for longer.
- In Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index closed 3.0% higher in August. Reporting season continues in Asia with over 47.0% of companies delivering earnings beat and 20.0%were in line with expectations. North Asian markets saw better earnings delivery compared to the rest of the region.
- In China, exports rose sharply by 7.2% y-o-y in July, as the economy returned to growth in the second quarter and suggests that other economies are also beginning to emerge from the early stages of the crisis. PBOC also maintained its loan prime rates and said that it would make its prudent monetary policy more flexible and targeted while keeping liquidity ample to support economic recovery.
- The local market bucked regional trend with the benchmark KLCI falling 5.3% as profit-taking activities dragged down
 the index as well as a tepid earnings season. Banking stocks came under the spotlight with most counters reporting
 weaker results due to one-off modification losses and increased provisions. Most banks also deferred dividend
 payouts citing an uncertain outlook.
- **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 has been taking profit on names which had seen a surge in performance, including in the gloves sector, which we are still bullish on due to earnings momentum from average selling price increases.
- Currently tilted more towards the healthcare and technology sector with exposure at 27% and 32% respectively. Country allocation will be tilted towards Malaysia and China.



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RISKS

Market risk

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

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 applies to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a **Security risk**

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

: 28 August 2020

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