Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund May 2020

FUND OBJECTIVE

Aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income while complying with Shariah investment criteria, through investments in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan region.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	RM3.13 million units (29 May 2020)	Fund Size	RM3.83 million (29 May 2020)			
Unit NAV	RM1.2239 (29 May 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund			
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles Want a well-diversified portfolio of Asia Pacific ex Japan regional equities Seek capital appreciation over long-term	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund. 1.8% pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd. 			

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Shariah-compliant Equities (Foreign)	Mutual Fund	Cash		
88.58%	0.19%	11.23%		



SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Consumer Discretionary	21.31%			
Information Technology	21.26%			
Communication Services	11.38%			
Energy	8.49%			
Real estate	7.57%			
Materials	5.87%			
Industrials	5.30%			
Consumer Staples	3.94%			
Health Care	2.00%			
Utilities	1.40%			
Mutual Fund	0.19%			
Financials	0.06%			
Cash	11.23%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	9.64%
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	8.87%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	7.76%
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	5.40%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.72%
China Mobile Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.44%
Samsung Electronics-PFD (South Korea)	2.99%
Dabur India Ltd (India)	2.63%
China International Travel Ser (China)	2.61%
NetLink NBN Trust (Singapore)	2.53%
Total	49.59%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income while complying with Shariah investment criteria, through investments in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan region.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 29 May 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-2.81	0.06	0.70	7.26	7.00	20.65	22.39
Benchmark	-6.38	0.13	-2.02	4.76	1.46	24.93	32.50

^{*} 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

In May, the Fund was flat in MYR terms, broadly in line with the Benchmark. The outperformance against the Benchmark in Singapore, United States and Australia was offset by underperformance in Korea and ASEAN. Year-to-date the Fund declined 2.81% in MYR terms, outperforming the Benchmark by 357 bps (bps).

Early indications of the current risk-on rally led by value stocks could be traced back towards the end of May. The best performing markets in local currency terms were Malaysia, Korea and Australia while China, India and Singapore underperformed. Brent oil staged a huge rebound to US\$35/barrel after a dramatic underperformance to April. From the narrow outperformance of a few sectors/ countries in the beginning of the year to April, the rally is now broadening out to more sectors and regions. Furthermore the situation in developed markets may not be as bad as initially feared as evidenced with the recent non-farm payrolls in the US being better than anticipated.

We had broadened our investments beyond growth stocks to selected value-oriented names, e.g. Healthcare (hospital) in India, upstream crude oil producer, airport in China and transport operator in Singapore. We had also top-sliced selected names mainly in China that have performed well to fund these purchases. As incremental data suggest that developed world demand may not be as bad as initially anticipated, we are looking to cover our Underweights in selected global tech hardware names in the near future.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 29 May 2020

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