## Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund March 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 | RM3.12 million units<br>(31 March 2020)   | Fund Size    | RM3.51 million<br>(31 March 2020)  |  |  |
| Unit NAV             | RM1.1236<br>(31 March 2020)   | Dealing      | Daily<br>(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<br>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         | <ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund.</li> <li>1.8% pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd.</li> </ul> |  |  |

| ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND  |             |        |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|--|
| Shariah-compliant Equities (Foreign) | Mutual Fund | Cash   |  |  |
| 88.79%                               | 0.18%       | 11.03% |  |  |



| SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND |         |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Information Technology               | 28.15%  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Discretionary               | 18.42%  |  |  |  |
| Communication Services               | 13.17%  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate                          | 8.59%   |  |  |  |
| Energy                               | 6.60%   |  |  |  |
| Materials                            | 5.86%   |  |  |  |
| Consumer Staples                     | 3.96%   |  |  |  |
| Utilities                            | 2.31%   |  |  |  |
| Industrials                          | 1.70%   |  |  |  |
| Mutual Fund                          | 0.18%   |  |  |  |
| Financials                           | 0.04%   |  |  |  |
| Cash                                 | 11.03%  |  |  |  |
| Total                                | 100.00% |  |  |  |

| TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND            |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)  | 9.85%  |  |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands) | 9.69%  |  |
| Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)        | 7.29%  |  |
| Samsung Electronics-PFD (South Korea)      | 5.12%  |  |
| Tencent Hldg Ltd ( Hong Kong)              | 4.90%  |  |
| Reliance Industries Ltd (India)            | 4.36%  |  |
| China Mobile Ltd (Hong Kong)               | 4.11%  |  |
| SK Hynix Inc (South Korea)                 | 2.75%  |  |
| NetLink NBN Trust (Singapore)              | 2.47%  |  |
| China International Travel Ser ( China)    | 2.37%  |  |
| Total                                      | 52.91% |  |

### 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 31 March 2020:

| %         | YTD    | 1M    | 6M    | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | Since<br>Inception |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Fund*     | -10.78 | -7.29 | -4.52 | -5.44  | 1.15   | 11.83  | 12.36              |
| Benchmark | -13.96 | -9.48 | -5.61 | -9.71  | -2.44  | 15.76  | 21.77              |

<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.



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### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

In March, the Fund declined 7.29% in MYR terms, outperforming the Benchmark by 219 basis points (bps). China, India and Korea contributed positively to the outperformance while Australia was a detractor. Year-to-date the Fund declined 10.78%, outperforming the Benchmark by 318 bps.

The MSCI AC Islamic Asia ex Japan fell during the month as markets became more volatile upon realization that most countries were not prepared to contain the Covid-19 outbreak. All Asian equity markets fell, with China/ Hong Kong SAR being more resilient, having contained the virus last month. More countries are putting in place unprecedented protective orders. While these measures may seem negative in the near term, they will sow the seeds of an eventual recovery. Governments around the world have also unveiled very large stimulus measures to cushion the impact of the disruption. This is in tandem with central banks reducing interest rates and implementing unconventional measures to alleviate financial market stress.

We had taken pre-emptive measures to trim stocks with exposure to developed world demand and selected emerging markets such as India which is still early in the outbreak curve but situation could worsen. We had deployed some of the proceeds to China domestic oriented companies which are more resilient to external shocks. We would look out for opportunities to deploy cash depending on how effective economies globally handle the outbreak and data to suggest the pace of subsequent economic recovery.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 March 2020

#### Disclaimer:

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Although Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund invests in Shariah-approved securities, the investment-linked insurance plan itself is not classified as a Shariah-compliant product.