Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund February 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	RM3.08 million units (28 February 2020)	Fund Size	RM3.74 million (28 February 2020)		
Unit NAV	RM1.2120 (28 February 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		
92.00%	0.21%	7.79%		



SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Information Technology	24.63%			
Consumer Discretionary	18.32%			
Communication Services	12.56%			
Real Estate	9.63%			
Materials	9.39%			
Energy	6.29%			
Consumer Staples	5.83%			
Industrials	3.29%			
Utilities	1.99%			
Mutual Fund	0.21%			
Financials	0.07%			
Cash	7.79%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	9.73%	
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	9.69%	
Samsung Electronics-PFD (South Korea)	5.06%	
Tencent Hldg Ltd (China)	4.57%	
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	4.14%	
China Mobile Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.76%	
Reliance Industries (India)	3.70%	
SK Hynix Inc (South Korea)	2.52%	
China International Travel Ser (China)	2.43%	
Dabur India Ltd (India)	2.40%	
Total	48.00%	

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 28 February 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-3.76	-0.64	4.23	3.93	12.01	21.20	21.20
Benchmark	-4.95	-0.96	6.10	1.54	11.50	32.05	34.52

^{*} 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 February, the Fund declined 0.64% in MYR terms, outperforming the Benchmark by 32 basis points (bps). Korea and Thailand contributed positively to the outperformance while China was a detractor. Year-to-date the Fund declined 3.76%, outperforming the Benchmark by 119 bps.

The MSCI AC Islamic Asia ex Japan declined in February as the Covid-19 outbreak extended beyond China to the rest of the world. While the situation with regards to the Covid-19 outbreak in China is brought under control as observed by declining confirmed cases, the battleground has now shifted outside China. In light of the outbreak and its potential implications on economic growth, Central Banks globally are reducing interest rates to shore up confidence, with the US Fed executing an emergency 50bps rate cut, its first change in between scheduled policy meetings since 2008. In Asia, central banks in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, India and Australia had implemented respective monetary easing policies. Expansionary fiscal stimulus packages would also be rolled out in China, Korea, Singapore, India and Malaysia.

We are fully invested and had taken pre-emptive measures to trim selected stocks which are more sensitive to global demand and await opportunities to purchase stocks which have strong business moats and are able to emerge stronger in the mid to long run. These stocks are often market leaders and innovators in their respective fields.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 28 February 2020

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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.