

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Seeks to achieve capital appreciation in the long term through investments in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity related securities.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	3.32 million units (28 August 2020)	Fund Size	RM4.60 million (28 August 2020)	
Unit NAV	RM1.3873 (28 August 2020)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)	
Fund Manager	Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investments (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	Target Fund	Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund	
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Islamic (Shariah) Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income	
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  Have a long term investment horizon Target capital appreciation Willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia World Equity Income Fund</li> <li>1.75% pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investments (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.</li> </ul>	

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Equities Cash
90% - 100% 0% -10%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Healthcare	26.3%		
Information Technology	26.1%		
Consumer Staples	11.7%		
Industrials	11.4%		
Consumer Discretionary	10.1%		
Real Estate	5.1%		
Materials	4.4%		
Energy	4.0%		
Cash	1.0%		
Total	100%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND				
L'Oreal	3.8%			
Procter & Gamble Co	3.4%			
Roche Holding	3.4%			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.3%			
Adobe System	3.3%			
Paylocity Holding	3.2%			
ASML Holding	3.1%			
Aveva Group	3.1%			
Nestle	3.0%			
Goodman Group Unit	3.0%			
Total	32.6%			



#### PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital appreciation in the long term through investments in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia World Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 28 August 2020:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	8.90	4.14	15.80	17.51	22.64	36.86	38.73
Benchmark	3.06	3.10	12.69	12.20	18.60	49.30	64.97

<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.

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

- Global stocks rose in most major currencies in August. Upbeat US data lifted the S&P 500 and Nasdaq indices to record highs. Investors were also optimistic that the Federal Reserve's new approach on inflation would keep interest rates low for longer.
- However, flaring geopolitical tensions between Washington and Beijing were a cause for concern. Additionally, the
  outlook for Europe remained dismal as growth shrank at a record pace in the second quarter.
- Meanwhile, Swiss healthcare company Roche partnered US-based Regeneron to develop an antibody cocktail to treat Covid-19. Both firms are ready to meet global demand if the product is approved by regulators. Regeneron will market it in America, while Roche will distribute it outside the US.
- Elsewhere, Taiwanese semiconductor company TSMC's shares rallied on news that it will expand production capacity
  for its cutting-edge 5-nanometer chip technology at its Tainan facility on the island. The move will help the chipmaker
  meet robust demand for use in upcoming 5G applications, high performance computing devices and artificial
  intelligence.
- During the month, we exited Anglo-Dutch oil major Royal Dutch Shell on concerns over the industry's long-term growth prospects, and to fund opportunities elsewhere.
- Against this, we initiated US-listed Trane Technologies, a market leader in heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems with a clear strategic focus on environmental sustainability and innovation. We also topped up France-based Schneider Electric to our preferred exposure level. The energy management company remains a high-quality industrial holding exposed to attractive end-markets and themes, coupled with robust ESG practices.



#### **RISKS**

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

#### Market risk

Market risk refers to potential losses that may arise from changes in the market prices of the Shariah-compliant equities that the target fund invests in. Prices of the Shariah-compliant equities will fluctuate in response to various factors, for example, events or news that relates to the Shariah-compliant equities as well as general market or economic conditions. In mitigating this risk, Aberdeen Islamic will invest in various sectors, thus the collapse of any particular sector would not have a major adverse impact on the value of the target fund.

#### Stock specific risk

Any drop in the price of a particular Shariah-compliant stock held by the target fund may affect the unit price of the target fund adversely. This risk can be mitigated by investing in a wide range of Shariah-compliant equities in different sectors, thus spreading the element of risk.

#### **Concentration risk**

This risk refers to the risk that the target fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in a particular sector or geographical area which may cause the target fund to be more susceptible to adverse economic events affecting that particular industry or region. This risk is mitigated through the diversification process that Aberdeen Islamic will employ in the management of the target fund whereby the target fund will hold a diversified portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities across various sectors and countries.

## Reclassification of Shariah status

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equities in the portfolio of the target fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant during the periodic review of the securities by the SACSC, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah Boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Aberdeen Islamic will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities. A stock may be reclassified as being Shariah non-compliant, for example, if the company decides to venture into businesses that do not comply with the Shariah and this is beyond the control of Aberdeen Islamic. The impact of this risk on the value of the target fund is mitigated through the diversification process (as described under concentration risk above) that Aberdeen Islamic will employ in the management of the target fund. When the target fund holds a diversified portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities across various sectors and countries, a reclassification of any one of those Shariah-compliant equities (which means that the target fund will have to dispose of the said investment) will have less of an impact on the target fund as the target fund will still have in its portfolio other high quality Shariah-compliant equities to enable it to meet its objective.

# Shariah-compliant warrants risk

The price, performance and liquidity of Shariah-compliant warrants are typically linked to the underlying Shariah-compliant equities and therefore subject to those risks. However, the price, performance and liquidity of such Shariah-compliant warrants will generally fluctuate more than the underlying Shariah-compliant equities because of the greater volatility of the warrants market.



#### **RISKS (CONTINUED)**

#### **Currency risk**

The NAV attributable to a class of units expressed in a particular currency may be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange control regulations or changes in the exchange rates between the Ringgit Malaysia (i.e., the base currency of the target fund) and those currencies. When the base currency and the currency of a particular class of units are different, unfavourable movements against those units in foreign exchange rates may affect the value of those units. The valuations of international Shariah-compliant equities owned by the target fund (i.e. those companies owned that are listed outside of Malaysia) may also be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange control regulations or changes in the exchange rates between the Ringgit Malaysia (i.e., the base currency of the target fund) and the currencies that these equities are quoted in on their respective resident stock exchanges.

Emerging countries and developing markets risk In emerging markets, the legal, judicial and regulatory infrastructure is still developing and there are more legal uncertainties both for the local market participants and their overseas counterparts. Some markets carry significant risks for investors. Investors should therefore ensure that they understand the relevant risks involved by seeking independent professional investment advice before investing. The target fund will invest a minimum of 1% in emerging markets. The emerging market countries that the target fund will initially invest in will be Korea, Taiwan and Brazil. As the countries' classification may change from emerging market to developed market status during the life of the target fund, the countries mentioned above are indicative only and may change.

Source : Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investments (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.

Date : 28 August 2020

#### Disclaimer:

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