

# Sun Life Malaysia

## Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund

March 2022



### FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

### FUND DETAILS

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|----------------------|---|--------------|---|
| Launch Date          | 1 December 2017   | Domicile     | Malaysia  |
| Currency             | Ringgit Malaysia  | Launch Price | RM1.0000  |
| Units in Circulation | 8.03 million units<br>(31 March 2022)   | Fund Size    | RM8.76 million<br>(31 March 2022)   |
| Unit NAV             | RM1.0905<br>(31 March 2022)   | Dealing      | Daily<br>(as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)  |
| Fund Manager         | Principal Asset Management Bhd  | Target Fund  | Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of Funds  |
| Benchmark            | 50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index + 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index  | Taxation     | 8% of annual investment income  |
| Risk Profile         | <p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Have a high risk profile and seek for potentially higher but more volatile investment return</li> <li>Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles</li> </ul> | Fees         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.8% p.a. of fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad.</li> </ul> |

### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Mutual Fund | Cash  |
| 96.55%      | 3.45% |

### SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Mutual Fund | 96.55%  |
| Cash        | 3.45%   |
| Total       | 100.00% |

### TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND

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| Principal Islamic Asia Pac Dynamic Equity Fund | 38.83% |
| Principal Islamic Enhanced Opportunities Fund  | 28.92% |
| Principal DALI Equity Fund                     | 28.80% |
| Total  | 96.55% |

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## PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of-Funds (“target fund”) with the objective to achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 March 2022:

| %                | YTD   | 1M    | 3M    | 6M    | 1-Year | 3-Years | Since Inception |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| <b>Fund*</b>     | -5.11 | -1.31 | -5.11 | -4.40 | -5.04  | 19.65   | 9.05            |
| <b>Benchmark</b> | -4.40 | -1.68 | -4.40 | -4.13 | -7.14  | 13.26   | 2.55            |

\* 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

In March, the Fund fell 1.31% outperforming the benchmark by 0.37pt as the Islamic Index fell 2.0% during the month, led by China while Australia and India outperformed. Geopolitical tensions and elevated inflation weighed on investors' sentiment.

Beyond the Russia-Ukraine conflict, we expect the focus to return to the elevated inflation print across many countries and central banks' response in the months ahead. The near term inflation print will be complicated by the supply side impact on various commodities especially energy from the Ukrainian invasion. Market expectations implied by the Fed Funds Future is pricing 8-9 rate hikes for 2022. The trajectory of inflation and resultant bond yields from here-on would be a key indicator of any reversion in investor appetite.

In China, the government attempted to keep the stock market stable amidst the market rout with efforts to support overseas share listing as well as easing regulatory actions on internet platform companies. This is in line with our view that the government will maintain its supportive monetary and fiscal policy after a self-inflicted slowdown last year. Our approach in China has been focused on stock specific ideas that are likely to benefit from regulatory tailwinds or sectors with drivers that are less dependent on the macro.

We are fully invested and plan to diversify our holdings across businesses and geographies. Our recent purchases were in areas of pharmaceutical outsourcing, ASEAN telco and HK suburban mall operator. We funded these purchases by trimming selected stocks where growth durability is lacking. Off-benchmark stocks contribute ~40% to our holdings.

## RISKS

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

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| <b>Market risk</b>                                   | Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the target fund's NAV.   |
| <b>Inflation risk</b>                                | This is the risk that your investment in the target fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.   |
| <b>Manager's Risk</b>                                | This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Principal which will impact the performance of the target fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by Principal, as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the target fund.  |
| <b>Reclassification of Shariah status risk</b>       | This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities in the target fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SACSC), Shariah adviser of the issuer, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Principal will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event that the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed of at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the target fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the target fund or price of units to fall. |
| <b>Risk associated with investing in Islamic CIS</b> | Since the target fund will invest entirely into Islamic CIS, there is a risk of concentration into Islamic CIS, in which the Islamic CIS's management company has absolute discretion over the Islamic CIS's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the Islamic CIS and/or the management company, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into those Islamic CIS would be affected negatively. Should the situation arise, Principal will seek for another Islamic CIS that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.  |
| <b>Country risk</b>                                  | The target fund may invest into Islamic CIS which can be domiciled in various countries. Therefore, the target fund will be subjected to risks specific to the countries in which the Islamic CIS are domiciled. Such risks include adverse changes in economic fundamentals, social and political stability, laws and regulations and foreign investments policies. These factors may have an adverse impact on the price of the Islamic CIS, which will depress the Islamic CIS's NAV growth, and consequently depress the target fund's NAV growth.  |

**RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Currency risk**

As the target fund may invest into Islamic CIS denominated in currencies other than MYR, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between MYR and the currencies in which the Islamic CIS are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the Islamic CIS are denominated depreciate against MYR, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the target fund in MYR and vice versa. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment

**Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd**

**Date : 31 March 2022**

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