

### FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Fund is to grow the value of Unit Holders' investments over the medium to long-term in an equity fund that invests in the global titans market of the US, Europe and Japan with an exposure to the Malaysian equities market to balance any short-term volatilities.

### FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	37.64 million units (30 September 2022)	Fund Size	RM70.49 million (30 September 2022)
Unit NAV	RM1.8726 (30 September 2022)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Global Titans Fund
Benchmark	42% S&P500 + 36% MSCI Europe + 12% MSCI Japan + 10% CIMB Bank 1-Month Fixed Deposit Rate	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<p>Suitable for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a medium to long term investment horizon</li> <li>Target capital appreciation</li> <li>Do not require regular income</li> <li>Comfortable with higher volatility</li> <li>Willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd.</li> </ul>

### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Collective Investments	Cash
88.50%	11.50%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND	
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	39.20%
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF EUR Dist	26.22%
TOPIX ETF	6.16%
JP Morgan Europe Strategic Growth Fund	3.78%
Principal GIF – European Responsible Equity Fund	3.40%
JP Morgan Japan Yen Fund	3.14%
iShares Currency Hedged MSCI Japan ETF	3.10%
Others	2.29%
JP Morgan Funds – US Growth Fund	1.21%
Cash	11.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Apple Inc (United States)	2.86%
Microsoft Corp (United States)	2.41%
Nestle SA (Switzerland)	1.49%
Alphabet Inc (United States)	1.48%
Amazon.com Inc (United States)	1.36%
Roche Holding Ltd (Switzerland)	1.18%
Tesla Inc (United States)	0.98%
Novo Nordisk A/S (Denmark)	0.88%
LVMH (France)	0.84%
AstraZeneca PLC ( United Kingdom)	0.82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.30%</b>

## PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Principal Global Titans Fund (“target fund”) with the objective to achieve medium to long-term in an equity fund that invests in the global titans market of the US, Europe and Japan with an exposure to Malaysian equities market to balance any short term volatilities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 September 2022:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
<b>Fund*</b>	-17.42	-5.54	-11.72	-13.05	15.00	21.91	87.26
<b>Benchmark</b>	-16.17	-5.31	-12.14	-11.48	17.69	27.36	96.80

\* 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

The Fund was down 5.54% in MYR terms in September, underperforming the benchmark by 23bps. YTD, the Fund is down 17.42%, underperforming the benchmark by 125bps.

Developed markets declined further as markets priced in higher terminal interest rates. S&P 500 Index, MSCI Europe and MSCI Japan declined by 9.2%, 6.3% and 6.4% MTD in local currency terms. The US Dollar continued to strengthen by 3.1%, Japanese Yen and Euro depreciated by 4.2% and 2.5%, respectively. US 10-year bond yield increased to 3.66% at the time of writing.

Economic growth continue to weaken across all developed markets as reflected by weaker manufacturing PMI. However, US economy is still resilient with solid job growth (August nonfarm payrolls increasing to 315k). Manufacturing PMI increased slightly to 52. Housing starts unexpected jumped by 12% MoM in August but building permits continued to decline, which means the US housing market continues to cool down. The probability of recession is higher in Europe as the region faces high energy prices due to the geopolitical conflicts. Manufacturing PMI, already in contract zone, continued to weaken to 48.4. Japan Manufacturing PMI weakened slightly to 50.8. On the other hand, inflation remains high in US and Europe, which means the Fed, ECB and BOE will bring forward more rate hikes. Forward 12-month corporate earnings are revised down for Europe but stay flat for US and Japan. Earnings downgrades are more broad-based whereas US Energy sector continued to see earnings upgrade. Our in-house midcycle P/E valuation indicates US valuation has become favorable. Japan and Europe valuations remain cheap.

We remain Overweight US expecting the high-quality growth stocks may continue to outperform if inflation eases towards year-end. If this happens, the valuation of growth stocks maybe supported. Our underlying funds have focused on investing in quality companies with growth and earnings visibility, at reasonable valuation. We reduce Europe to Underweight and bring Japan to Slight Overweight because we see corporate earnings more resilient in Japan, inflation is relatively muted and monetary policy is still accommodative compared to Europe. We have more than 50% of the Japan holdings hedged into USD to protect against the risk of further deprecation of Japanese Yen. Moving forward, Fed's monetary tightening path and whether economy would have a soft or hard landing, as well as the recent US-China conflict may continue to weigh on equity markets.

## RISKS

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

<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>Stock specific risk</b>	Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the target fund's NAV.
<b>Country risk</b>	Investments of the target fund in any country may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund invests. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the target fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the target fund or prices of units to fall.
<b>Currency risk</b>	As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the investments are denominated depreciate against the base currency, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the target fund 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.
<b>Fund manager's risk</b>	Since the target fund invests into collective investment scheme managed by another manager, the fund manager has absolute discretion over the fund's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the fund and/or the management company, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into the fund would be affected negatively. Although the probability of such occurrence is minute, should the situation arise, Principal (S) will seek for an alternative collective investment scheme that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.

## RISKS (CONTINUED)

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### **Credit and default risk**

Investments of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal (S) aims to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.

**Source :** *Principal Asset Management Bhd*  
**Date :** *30 September 2022*

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