## Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund May 2019

### **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 | 20.04 million units<br>(31 May 2019)  | Fund Size    | RM22.12 million<br>(31 May 2019)   |  |  |
| Unit NAV             | RM1.1042<br>(31 May 2019)   | Dealing      | Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)  |  |  |
| Fund Manager         | Principal Asset Management Bhd  | Target Fund  | CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific 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 Islamic 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) Shariah-compliant Equities (Local) |       | Mutual Fund | Cash   |  |  |
| 86.85%  | 0.85% | 0.25%       | 12.04% |  |  |



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| SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND |         |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Real Estate                          | 16.39%  |  |  |
| Information Technology               | 15.77%  |  |  |
| Consumer Discretionary               | 12.59%  |  |  |
| Communication Services               | 10.69%  |  |  |
| Industrials                          | 9.77%   |  |  |
| Energy                               | 7.10%   |  |  |
| Consumer Staples                     | 6.13%   |  |  |
| Materials                            | 5.61%   |  |  |
| Utilities                            | 2.00%   |  |  |
| Health Care                          | 1.64%   |  |  |
| Mutual Fund                          | 0.25%   |  |  |
| Cash                                 | 12.04%  |  |  |
| Total                                | 100.00% |  |  |

| TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND            |        |  |  |
|--|--------|--|--|
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands) | 7.82%  |  |  |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)  | 7.09%  |  |  |
| Link REIT (Hong Kong)                      | 5.26%  |  |  |
| Reliance Industries Ltd (India)            | 3.97%  |  |  |
| China Mobile Ltd (Hong Kong)               | 3.88%  |  |  |
| Samsung Electronics-PFD (South Korea)      | 3.76%  |  |  |
| CapitaLand Mall Trust (Singapore)          | 3.37%  |  |  |
| Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd (Australia) | 2.92%  |  |  |
| Henderson Land Development (Hong Kong)     | 2.83%  |  |  |
| Telekomunikasi TBK PT (Indonesia)          | 2.50%  |  |  |
| Total                                      | 43.40% |  |  |



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#### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

This fund feeds into CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific 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 Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 May 2019:

| %         | YTD  | 1M    | 3M    | 6M    | 1-Year | 3-Year | Since<br>Inception |
|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Fund*     | 5.51 | -5.41 | -2.14 | 0.95  | -9.27  | 15.99  | 10.42              |
| Benchmark | 5.13 | -7.52 | -4.53 | -1.02 | -11.13 | 24.89  | 26.51              |

<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**

In May, the Fund declined by 5.41%, outperforming the Benchmark by 211 basis points (bps). Our holdings in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and underweight in selected Consumer Discretionary stocks in China contributed to the outperformance. Year-to-date, the Fund rose +5.51%, outperforming the Benchmark by 38 basis points.

Trade tensions between US and China intensified during the month, culminating in additional taxes on US\$200bn worth of Chinese exports to US and blacklisting of Huawei by the Trump administration. President Trump has also threatened to raise tariffs on remaining US\$325bn of Chinese goods unless a deal is reached. A series of general elections from India, Indonesia, Thailand and Australia has concluded with incumbents retaining dominance, paving way for political stability in these countries.

We are adopting a barbell strategy by owning defensives with yield together with stocks with mid to long run growth potential. We would be selective in accumulating stocks in this correction and focus would be on capital preservation. We prefer domestic oriented stocks in selected countries which are more insulated from an increasing risk of economic slowdown in major economies.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 May 2019

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