

Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund February 2018

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	2.986 million units (28 February 2018)			
Fund Size	RM3.773 million (28 February 2018)			
Unit NAV	RM1.2635 (28 February 2018)			
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd			
Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund			
Benchmark	Dow Jones Islamic Market Asia Pacific ex Japan Index			
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 Dynamic Income Fund. 1.8% of pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by CIMB-Principal. 			
Taxation	8% of annual investment income			

ASSET ALLOCATION			
Equity	Min 70%; Max 98%		
Sukuk & Deposits	Max 30%		
Liquid Assets	Min 2%		

WHERE THE TARGET FUND INVESTS							
Consumer	37.73%	Trading/Services	1.00%				
Technology	14.54%	Mutual Fund	0.29%				
Oil & Gas	12.58%	Cash	4.49%				
Basic Materials	11.05%	Finance	10.90%				
Industrials	7.42%	Total	100.0%				

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	9.04%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	8.87%
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	7.06%
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	4.52%
Samsung Electronics – PFD (South Korea)	4.31%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	4.03%
Posco (South Korea)	3.73%
Venture Corp Ltd (Singapore)	2.95%
BHP Billiton Ltd (Australia)	2.94%
Techtronic Industries Co (Hong Kong)	2.90%

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 Asia Pacific Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 28 February 2018:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-0.95	-3.54	-0.90	0.24	16.77	26.35	26.35
Benchmark	-2.54	-4.72	-1.33	-0.26	17.09	38.67	41.27

^{*} 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

During the month, the Fund declined by -3.54%, outperforming the Benchmark by 118 basis points (bps). Year-to-date, the Fund declined -0.95%, outperforming the Benchmark by 159 basis points. China and Singapore contributed positively while Malaysia was a drag. In sector terms, Industrials contributed the most to the performance.

Asia-ex-Japan equities went into a risk-off mode and corrected -3.9% (US\$) in February triggered by a surge in US 10-year yields and concerns of higher inflation. The sell-off was broad-based with exception for healthcare. We remain positive on Asian equities as upside should be guided by earnings growth of 13% in 2018 but volatility could be higher given trade tensions, rising bond yields and credit spreads and diminishing bond purchases. Investor sentiment on the 'Goldilocks' scenario will also be tested especially if US wage growth data shows a pick-up significantly beyond 3%. We prefer cyclical to defensives as Asia is just into the 2nd year of significant sales and earnings growth and China is still implementing supply side reform. Given relatively tighter liquidity versus 2017, we would be more cautious on countries with a weakening current account and fiscal deficit coupled with rising inflation like India and Philippines. The Fund is Overweight in China, Singapore and Australia and Underweight Taiwan and Korea. In sector terms, our Fund is Overweight Materials, Consumer Discretionary and Energy and Underweight Information Technology, Utilities and Telecommunications.

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

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