

Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund February 2018

FUND OBJECTIVE

A total return fund that seeks to capture the high growth of developing companies within the Asia (ex-Japan) region.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	20 May 2014				
Domicile	Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia				
Launch Price	RM1.0000				
Units in Circulation	15.266 million units (28 February 2018)				
Fund Size	RM20.103 million (28 February 2018)				
Unit NAV	RM1.3168 (28 February 2018)				
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Investment Manager of the Target Fund	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad				
Target Fund	Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund				
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia (ex-Japan) Small Cap Index				
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a medium to long term investment horizon Are risk tolerance Are seeking higher returns for their investments compared to the performance benchmark				
Fees	Management Fee: 1.500% p.a.				
Taxation	8% of annual investment income				

ASSET ALLOCATION				
Equity	Min – 75%; Max – 99.80%			
Cash	Remaining Balance			

WHERE THE TARGET FUND INVESTS								
Financials	30.6%	Utilities	5.3%					
Technology	15.5%	Consumer Services	3.2%					
Industrials	10.3%	Consumer Goods	1.3%					
Oil & Gas	8.0%	Cash	11.9%					
Basic Materials	7.0%							
Health Care	6.8%	Total	100.0%					

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
CITIC Envirotech Ltd	5.3%
MNRB Hldgs Bhd	5.0%
China Overseas Prop Hldgs Ltd	4.5%
HRnetgroup Ltd	4.1%
ELP Corp	3.8%
Allianz Malaysia Bhd	3.7%
China Aviation Oil Sg Corp Ltd	3.3%
Accton Technology Corp	3.3%
Nasmedia Co Ltd	3.1%
Seoul Semiconductor Co. Ltd	3.1%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

The Fund feeds into Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve consistent capital appreciation over medium to long-term by investing mainly in growth companies in Asia (ex Japan) with market capitalization of not more than USD1.5 billion at the time of acquisition, subject to the flexibility of investing up to 25% of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund in companies in Asia (ex Japan) with market capitalization of not more than USD3.0 billion at the time of acquisition.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund versus its benchmark as at 28 February 2018:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-year	Since Inception
Fund*	-0.7	-2.8	-1.2	-4.0	0.2	26.4	31.7
Benchmark	-2.8	-4.1	-1.4	1.6	6.2	24.0	38.2

* 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 financial markets took a breather in February, ending its winning streak.
- The stronger US wage inflation data triggered concerns on a possibility for more rapid hikes from the US Feds.
- Market weakness triggered a spike in the volatility index, leading to leverage short volatility strategies closing their position and leaving markets to be dragged lower.
- News broke on China's President Xi's intention to remove the 2-term limit in the constitution. The move which may lead to President Xi remaining in power indefinitely left investors taking on a more cautious stance, leaving the broader Shanghai Composite to close 6.4% lower in local currency terms.
- Korean equities had also slid lower after weaker Q4 earnings put pressure on stock prices
- In a list of detractors, Thailand's marginal gain made it one of the best performing markets after gains from utilities and energy stocks nudged its broader index ahead.
- Malaysia's KLCI took lead from its peers and slipped lower despite recording one of the strongest GDP reading (5.9%) in 3-years.
- The Fund slid 2.8% lower in the month of February, while its benchmark index slid 4.1% lower over the same period.
- STRATEGY: We expect market volatility to continue in the near-term as global financial markets find their footing.
- The encouraging economic fundamentals, coupled with stronger corporate earnings are expected to provide support for the regional markets.
- The Fund will be maintaining a moderately higher exposure for the Fund, with a bias tilt into banking stocks.
- We continue to see opportunities within the HK / China market on the back of encouraging data points.

Source: Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

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