

# Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund August 2019

### **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	13.06 million units (30 August 2019)	Fund Size	RM15.00 million (30 August 2019)		
Unit NAV	RM1.1489 (30 August 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	Affin Hwang Select Asia (e Japan) Quantum Fund		
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia (ex-Japan) Small Cap Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Risk Profile	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors:</li> <li>Have a medium to long term investment horizon</li> <li>Are risk tolerance</li> <li>Are seeking higher returns for their investments compared to the performance benchmark</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund</li> <li>Up to 1.5% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad</li> </ul>		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Equities	Cash			
Minimum 70%; Max 100%	Remaining Balance			



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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Financials	31.60%			
Technology	11.40%			
Consumer Services	10.50%			
Consumer Goods	10.10%			
Industrials	8.10%			
Basic Materials	5.80%			
Oil & Gas	4.40%			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	18.20%			
Total	100.0%			

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TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)				
Guan Chong Bhd	6.90%			
Weimob Inc	5.20%			
CSOP Hang Seng Index ETP	5.20%			
KNM Group Berhad	4.40%			
Zhejiang New Country Hotel Mgt	4.30%			
Huifu Payment Ltd	4.30%			
Allianz Malaysia Berhad	4.20%			
Max's Group Inc	3.50%			
CapitaLand Retail China Trust	3.40%			
Pentamaster International Ltd	3.30%			
Total	44.70%			

### 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 30% 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 30 August 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3 <b>M</b>	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	9.54	-1.92	0.28	0.75	-1.99	-4.92	14.89
Benchmark	-2.26	-2.63	-4.64	-6.37	-14.21	-3.91	12.78

<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.



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#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

- Asian markets retreated in August as trade tensions flared up again after a surprise tariff announcement from the US
  President. The Hong Kong Hang Seng index fell 7.4%, whilst the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index closed 4.6%
  lower as the prolonged trade row takes another turn for the worse
- Businesses in Hong Kong reported slowing sales activities as protests by pro-democracy demonstrators threaten to spill over to affect the economy.
- China's Caixin Manufacturing PMI saw an unexpected rise to 50.4 in August, the highest reading since March and a recovery from the past 2 months decline.
- South Korea's exports continued to decline with a 13.6% year on year fall in August. This comes amid the US-China trade war and escalating tensions with Japan. Shipments to China, its largest trade partner, dropped 21.3% The country's trade data is typically seen as a barometer of global demand.
- STRATEGY: Amid geopolitical and macro uncertainties, the fund's invested levels were reduced to 75%. The fund remains highly invested at 95% as at end of the month. The fund took profit on selected names and added two (2) HK-listed China property-management companies.
- Cash levels were raised to protect profits and will be redeployed once opportunity in certain stocks has been
  identified.
- With the uncertainties arising from the US-China trade war and the prolonged protests in Hong Kong which have caused a disruption in general businesses, the fund remains cautious due to geopolitical fragility in the world which may raise recession risk. The fund will look to addgold exposure as a risk off hedge, and continue to look for companies executing well in tough times.

Source : Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

Date : 30 August 2019

#### Disclaimer:

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