

# Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund January 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	15.451 million units (31 January 2018)				
Fund Size	RM20.931 million (31 January 2018)				
Unit NAV	RM1.3547 (31 January 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	34.4%	4.4% Oil & Gas						
Technology	17.7%	Consumer Services	3.3%					
Industrials	12.3%	Consumer Goods	2.5%					
Utilities	6.4%	Cash	9.1%					
Health Care	5.7%							
Basic Materials	4.5%	Total	100.0%					

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
CITIC Envirotech Ltd	5.5%
HRnetgroup Ltd	4.8%
MNRB Hldgs Bhd	4.7%
CapitaLand Retail China Trust	4.6%
China Overseas Prop Hldgs Ltd	4.3%
Accton Technology Corp	4.0%
ELP Corp	3.7%
Manulife US REIT	3.7%
Allianz Malaysia Bhd	3.6%
Frasers Logistic & Indus Trust	3.5%

### 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 31 January 2018:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-year	Since Inception
Fund*	2.2	2.2	-1.8	-2.4	8.2	31.9	35.5
Benchmark	1.4	1.4	1.8	6.2	16.7	30.8	44.1

\* 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 trended higher as positive economic data kept the momentum going.
- Emerging markets continued to trend higher as US Dollar weakness persisted amidst an optimistically stronger growth outlook.
- The China equity market ended the month ahead of its regional peers with double digit gains after receiving a boost from encouraging economic data.
- China's economic growth momentum continued with GDP reading accelerating to 6.9% for 2017, with the PMI climbing higher to 51.5.
- The move of China's regulators in introducing further regulators with the aim of reducing financial risks were seen to be beneficial for the sector.
- India's stronger 3Q earnings and indication that growth trends were back on track post the introduction of GST nudged India's stock market higher.
- Korea's equity market also continued on its uptrend de-spite rising concerns that the tech sector may be dragged down by a weakening demand for smartphones.
- The Fund recorded a gain of 2.2% in the month of January, outperforming its benchmark index which rose 1.4% over the same period.
- STRATEGY: We expect the upward momentum of global financial markets to continue in the interim as investors' sentiment remain alleviated.
- Our position in the financial sector remains healthy on the back of a stronger economic growth outlook.
- We will also look towards reducing our tech exposure given the strong run-up and recent rising risks as we shift into opportunities in India that are able to provide a stronger catalyst.
- We will be maintaining a higher market exposure in the interim to capitalize on the current market uptrend. Nevertheless, we will also be keeping a watchful eye on the market, and maintain a tactically cautious stance given the un-resolved uncertainties.

## Source: Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

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