

# Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund January 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	2.802 million units (31 January 2018)			
Fund Size	RM3.671 million (31 January 2018)			
Unit NAV	RM1.3099 (31 January 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	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors:</li> <li>Have a long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles</li> <li>Want a well-diversified portfolio of Asia Pacific ex Japan regional equities</li> <li>Seek capital appreciation over long-term</li> </ul>			
Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund.</li> <li>1.8% of pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by CIMB-Principal.</li> </ul>			
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	37.66%	Trading/Services	3.20%				
Oil & Gas	13.70%	Mutual Fund	0.30%				
Finance	11.95%	Cash	4.97%				
Technology	10.49%	Basic Materials	8.89%				
Industrials	8.84%	Total	100.0%				

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Island)	9.52%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	9.26%
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	4.56%
Samsung Electronics – PFD (South Korea)	4.52%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	4.23%
Posco (South Korea)	3.90%
Sime Darby Bhd (Malaysia)	3.20%
Keppel Corp Ltd (Singapore)	3.05%
Techtronic Industries Co (Hong Kong)	3.02%
CNOOC Ltd (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 31 January 2018:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	2.69	2.69	-0.89	4.89	21.77	30.99	30.99
Benchmark	2.29	2.29	-0.95	6.85	25.98	48.27	48.27

<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 January 2018, the Fund increased 2.69%, outperforming the benchmark by 40 basis points.

Asia ex-Japan equities got off to a roaring start in January gaining +7.5% (US\$). The rally was broad based with energy, financials and healthcare leading the charge while telecom and utilities underperformed. Recent equity market corrections caused by bond market tantrums judged against strong economic growth and a low unemployment rate should be buying opportunities. While there will be variability in markets caused by investor positioning and flows, we think equity markets should be able to stomach a rise in volatility, yields and inflation provided these do not shoot up too quickly and the US dollar remains at current levels. Back to Asia, the key metric remains earnings growth. At a 13x FY18 PER and 13% earnings growth, Asian equities look reasonably priced and has upside especially if the cyclical sectors can see earnings upgrades. We like themes such as consumption upgrade and high-end discretionary spend and companies that outspend peers in Research & Development for long term growth.

The portfolio is 96% invested with portfolio beta of 1 and overweight Materials, Energy, Industrials and underweight Healthcare, Telecommunications and Utilities. In country terms, we are overweight Singapore, Malaysia, India, Australia and underweight Korea and in Taiwan.

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

#### Disclaimer

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