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### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To achieve long term capital growth through investment in a relatively concentrated, actively managed portfolio of global equity securities issued by companies with a high overall positive impact on society.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	21 July 2021	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	9.37 million units (30 August 2023)	Fund Size	RM9.77 million (30 August 2023)		
Unit NAV	RM1.0435 (30 August 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Target Fund	Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund		
Benchmark	MSCI All Country World Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income		
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors:  are seeking long term capital growth;  want a portfolio of investments that provides positive impact on the sustainable development of society;  want to have portfolio with global exposure; or  are prepared to accept moderate level of volatility.	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Global Sustainable Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.6% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd.</li> </ul>		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Equity Fund	Cash and Others	
99.76%	0.24%	

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Health Care	26.15%	
Financials	20.13%	
Information Technology	19.81%	
Industrials	16.28%	
Utilities	6.77%	
Consumer Staples	3.52%	
Communication Services	2.98%	
Materials	2.77%	
Cash & Others	1.59%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Microsoft Corporation	4.04%
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	4.02%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.85%
Johnson Controls International plc	3.77%
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.66%

### PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Nomura Global Sustainable Equity Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve long-term capital growth through investment in a relatively concentrated, actively managed portfolio of global equity securities issued by companies with a high overall positive impact on society.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Global Sustainable Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 August 2023:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6 <b>M</b>	1-Year	3-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	15.87	1.09	5.41	11.76	14.32	N/A	4.35
Benchmark	19.39	-0.15	6.72	12.79	16.03	N/A	6.44

<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**

August snapped a strong winning streak for global equity markets as a sharp rise in interest rates (the US ten year increased from 3.96% to a peak of 4.44% intra month) put pressure on equity valuations and even NVIDIA's hotly anticipated blow out numbers were met with a lukewarm reaction across mega cap Tech and the perceived Artificial Intelligence ("AI") winners that have driven so much of the market performance year to date. However as softer data and less hawkish commentary from central bankers was digested through the end of the month, long term rates came down allowing equities to rebound.

The greatest contributors to performance were Novo Nordisk (+15%) and Cisco (+10%). During August, Novo Nordisk announced that their SELECT trial showed a 20% reduction in cardiovascular events for those who took Wegovy, its antiobesity medicine, compared to the control arm. The 20% result was higher than the trial was set for (17%) and will foster increased acceptance of this new class of medicines. Cisco shares performed well on the back of their earnings call where they said that product orders in the July quarter grew over 30% quarter-over-quarter which was the second highest sequential growth rate in the past 20 years. This statement was indicative of stable end demand despite headwinds from high levels of backlog booked during the pandemic related supply constraints being worked down. The greatest detractors were Johnson Controls (-15%) and DSM Firmenich (-17%). Johnson Controls delivered earnings that were broadly in line with consensus and maintained its earnings guidance for the full year. Whilst there were some small niggles in the numbers and the results were not as robust as peer Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") companies the extreme share price reaction was indicative of the positivity coming into short term results rather than any change in the long term strength of the company's position to benefit from mitigate climate change mega trends. DSM Firmenich continues to disappoint investors with regard to clarity around the merger with Firmenich and the market is now rightly concerned by the lack of financial direction at the company given a very muddled communication of net debt and expected cash flow implications.

Impact focus of the month: The 20% reduction in cardiovascular events seen across the Novo Nordisk SELECT Trial has potentially far reaching implications for global health outcomes. Novo Nordisk has estimated that 764mm people are suffering from obesity with around half of this in developed markets. So far around 10% of that population (76mm) seek help for obesity but very few (15mm) are treated with anti-obesity medicines. If all those seeking help (76mm) were treated with Wegovy, which was able to reduce cardiovascular ("CV") events by 20%, it is conceivable that over 15mmCV events could be prevented over time. Given the trial length was 5 years and the take-up of Wegovy has been rapid, it could be possible that these benefits accrue already by 2035 globally. Longer-term the benefits are likely to be even greater as demand for these medicines continues to scale. The 76mm modelled is just 10% of today's obese population, which is still growing, and the penetration rate could move meaningfully higher. Why is it important to reduce CV events? Reducing cardiovascular events at scale should improve key health metrics such as life expectancy both directly (less fatal heart attacks/ strokes) but also because CV events can contribute to other debilitating conditions (just 10% of patients fully recover from a stroke according to the National Stroke Association for example).

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RISKS		
All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:		
Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is NO GUARANTEE on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the target fund's investment objective will be achieved.	
Market risk	The value of an investment will decrease or increase due to changes in market factors i.e. economic, political or other events that impact large portions of the market. Market risk cannot be eliminated, hence the target fund's investment portfolio may be prone to changing market conditions that may result in uncertainties and fluctuations in the value of the underlying of the target fund's investment portfolio, causing the NAV or prices of units to fluctuate.	
Inflation risk	This is the risk that your investment in the target fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the nominal value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.	
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the target fund by Nomura which will impact the performance of the target fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by Nomura as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weakness in operational process and systems may adversely affect the performance of the target fund. In order to mitigate this risk, the implementation of internal controls and a structured investment process and operational procedures has been put in place by Nomura.	
Concentration risk	As the target fund invests at least 80% of its NAV in the master fund, it is subject to concentration risk as the performance of the target fund would be dependent on the performance of the master fund.	
Country risk	The investment of the target fund may be affected by risk specific to the country which it invests in. Such risks include changes in the country's economic, social and political environment. The value of the assets of the target fund may also be affected by uncertainties such as currency repatriation restrictions or other developments in the law or regulations of the country which the target fund invests in, i.e. Ireland, the domicile country of the master fund.	

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### RISKS (CONTINUED)

#### **Default risk**

Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of a money market instrument either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the money market instruments. This could affect the value of the target fund as up to 20% of the NAV of the target fund will be invested in liquid assets which include but are not limited to deposits and money market instruments.

### Investment manager of the master fund risk

The target fund will invest in the master fund managed by a foreign asset management company. This risk refers to the risk associated with the investment manager, which include:

- i) The risk of non-adherence to the investment objective, strategy and policies of the master fund;
- ii) The risk of direct or indirect losses resulting from inadequate or failed operational and administrative processes and systems by the investment manager; and
- iii) The risk that the master fund may underperform its benchmark due to poor investment decisions by the investment manager.

Source : Nomura Asset Management Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Date : 30 August 2023

#### Disclaimer:

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