

### FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Fund is to grow the value of Unit Holders' investments over the medium to long-term in an equity fund that invests in the global titans market of the US, Europe and Japan with an exposure to the Malaysian equities market to balance any short-term volatilities.

FUND DETAILS			
Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	33.99 million units (31 July 2023)	Fund Size	RM78.27 million (31 July 2023)
Unit NAV	RM2.3025 (31 July 2023)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Global Titans Fund
Benchmark	42% S&P500 + 36% MSCI Europe + 12% MSCI Japan + 10% CIMB Bank 1-Month Fixed Deposit Rate	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>Target capital appreciation</li> <li>Do not require regular income</li> <li>Comfortable with higher volatility</li> <li>Willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains</li> </ul>	Fees	<ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund.</li> <li>Up to 1.5% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd.</li> </ul>

#### **ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND**

Mutual Fund	Equities (Foreign)	Cash
92.45%	2.50%	5.05%

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SECTOR ALLOCATION O	F THE TARGET
Mutual Fund	92.45%
Consumer Staples	1.01%
Information Technology	0.99%
Consumer Discretionary	0.50%
Cash	5.05%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND				
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (United States)	33.34%			
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF EURDist (United Kingdom)	28.09%			
TOPIX ETF (Japan)	9.13%			
iShares Asia 50 ETF (United State)	3.50%			
JPMorgan Funds - US Growth Fund (Luxembourg)	3.31%			
TOPIX Banks ETF (Japan)	3.29%			
FTGF ClearBridge US Large CapGrowth (Ireland)	2.13%			
Principal GIF - European ResponsibleEquity (Ireland)	2.11%			
Energy Select Sector SPDR (United States)	1.55%			
SPDR Gold Shares ETF (United States)	1.48%			
Total	87.93%			

#### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

This fund feeds into Principal Global Titans Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve medium to long-term in an equity fund that invests in the global titans market of the US, Europe and Japan with an exposure to Malaysian equities market to balance any short term volatilities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Global Titans Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 July 2023:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	16.98	-0.52	13.52	12.88	31.27	44.03	130.25
Benchmark	19.17	-0.35	15.20	15.60	42.01	56.25	149.80

\* 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

The Fund declined by 52bps in July, underperforming the benchmark by 17 bps. YTD, the Fund is up 16.98%, underperforming the benchmark by 219 bps.

S&P500, MSCI Europe and MSCI Japan increased by 3.2%, 2% and 1.3% respectively MTD in local currency terms. Better inflation and GDP growth data kept developed marketsequities buoyant. The Fed and ECB hiked rates by 25bps as expected. Bank of Japan tweaked its Yield Curve Control policy, effectively expanding the 10-year Japanese GovernmentBond yield by a further 50bps. At the time of writing, the US Dollar was down by 40bps with Euro strengthening by 36bps. Japanese Yen appreciated by 1.2%. The 10-year Treasurybond yield increased to 4.17% after strong US economic data and credit rating downgrade by Fitch.

US Manufacturing PMI rebounded but still in contraction zone. Euro Area Manufacturing PMI continued to decline, and services PMI is starting to deteriorate. Japan PMIs is holdingrelatively better. With a strong labor market and sticky core inflation, the Fed and ECB will keep rates high for longer. Forward 12-month corporate earnings are revised up for Europeand Japan, with the US being flat.

Underweight US and Europe, Overweight Japan. Disinflationary pressures coupled with robust economic activity have created a more constructive US narrative. However, stretchedvaluations and restrictive monetary policy suggest further US equity upside is limited. Europe is decoupling from the broad bullish market sentiment. The positive impulse from lowergas prices is no longer compensating for the combination of weaker European activity data and negative macro surprises and concerns over headwinds from China. On the other hand, Japan's economy is strengthening. The BOJ has made a first move away from its ultra-easy monetary policy. If core inflation continues to accelerate accompanied by wage growth, further policy normalization suggests significant potential for Japanese Yen appreciation. In addition, Japan provides an element of diversification given its cycle appearsdesynchronized from other developed markets.

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All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

Market risk	Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the target fund's NAV.
Stock specific risk	Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the target fund's NAV.
Country risk	Investments of the target fund in any country may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund invests. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the target fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the target fund or prices of units to fall.
Currency risk	As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the investments are denominated depreciate against the base currency, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the target fund and vice versa. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.
Fund manager's risk	Since the target fund invests into collective investment scheme managed by another manager, the fund manager has absolute discretion over the fund's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the fund and/or the management company, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into the fund would be affected negatively. Although the probability of such occurrence is minute, should the situation arise, Principal (S) will seek for an alternative collective investment scheme that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.

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#### **RISKS (CONTINUED)**

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Credit and default risk

Investments of the target fund may involve a certain degree of credit and default risk. Generally, credit and default risk is the risk of loss due to the counterparty's and/or issuer's non-payment or untimely payment of the investment amount as well as the returns on investment. Principal (S) aims to mitigate this risk by performing fundamental credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its counterparty and/or issuer.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd Date : 31 July 2023

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