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#### **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	32.57 million units (31 January 2024)	Fund Size	RM81.05 million (31 January 2024)		
Unit NAV	RM2.4888 (31 January 2024)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	Principal Global Titans Fund- Class MYR		
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	
84.87%	10.73%	4.40%	

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Mutual Fund	84.87%	
Information Technology	4.86%	
Industrials	2.39%	
Consumer Discretionary	1.70%	
Consumer Staples	0.99%	
Materials	0.78%	
Cash	4.41%	
Total	100.00%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
SPDR S&P 500 ETF (United States)	34.04%
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF (United Kingdom)	26.90%
NEXT FUNDS TOPIX ETF (Japan)	10.97%
FTGF ClearBridge US Large Cap Growth (Ireland)	5.25%
JPMorgan Funds - US Growth Fund (Luxembourg)	3.54%
NEXT FUNDS TOPIX Banks ETF (Japan)	2.20%
Fast Retailing Co Ltd (Japan)	1.70%
ITOCHU Corporation (Japan)	1.34%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (France)	1.15%
Principal Global Investors Funds -European Responsible Equity Fund (Ireland)	1.11%
Total	88.20%

#### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

This fund feeds into Principal Global Titans Fund - Class MYR ("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 January 2024:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	4.12	4.12	8.09	22.70	32.31	65.78	148.88
Benchmark	3.90	3.90	8.98	25.54	41.71	78.84	172.28

<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**

The Fund increased by 4.12% in January, outperforming the benchmark by 22 bps. YTD, the Fund is up 4.12%, outperforming the benchmark by 22 bps.

Developed market equities continued to perform well with S&P 500, MSCI Europe and MSCI Japan increased y 1.7%, 1.6% and 8.5% respectively, in local currency terms. Despitemarket anticipation of six rate cuts, the latest FOMC meeting and remarks by Chair Jay Powell suggested only three rate cuts this year, leading to a rise in the 10-year Treasury yield to4.134% at the time of writing. The U.S. Dollar appreciated by 3%, while the Euro and Japanese Yen depreciated by 2.67% and 5.37%, respectively.

The U.S. labor market continues to exhibit robust growth in jobs and wages, with a strong increase of 353k in January nonfarm payrolls following a strong December performance. Unemployment remains low at 3.7%, while the labor force participation rate holds steady at 62.5%. Average hourly earnings have risen by 0.6% MoM or 4.5% YoY. Manufacturing PMIshave rebounded across all developed markets, while Europe services PMI remains sluggish. Forward 12-month corporate earnings have been revised up for all developed markets with MSCI Japan seeing the highest earnings revision. Strategy: Upgrade US to Overweight, funded by Underweight in Europe. With inflation gradually rolling over, central banks including the Fed have hinted at peak interest rates and potential cuts in 2024. Meanwhile, economic activity remained robust with strong consumption and resilient jobs market. Our overweight position in US is mainly driven by the higherexposure to semiconductor related tech names. Strong earnings and secular tailwinds of increasing Al adoption may continue to support mega tech names and their valuations couldremain high if interest rates don't surge sharply. Maintain Overweight Japan. Despite Japan experiencing some economic slowdown, there are increasing signs that inflation and wageincreases may be sustainable in 2024. Sustainable nominal wage growth is expected to lift household real income and support a virtuous cycle between wage and price increases. Thismay lead to the BOJ exiting its Negative Interest Rate Policy, although the shift is anticipated to be gradual to prevent market disruption. Despite short-term volatility in currencymarkets, Japan remains attractive with corporate governance reforms and a virtuous cycle between wage and price increases as the key drivers...

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### **RISKS**

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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 January 2024

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