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FUND OBJECTIVE

To maximize capital growth over the medium to long-term through the stock market.

FUND DETAILS					
Launch Date	20 October 2008	Domicile	Malaysia		
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000		
Units in Circulation	27.11 million units (30 August 2021)	Fund Size	RM72.34 million (30 August 2021)		
Unit NAV	RM2.6684 (30 August 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Benchmark	FBM100		
Taxation	8% of annual investment income	Fees	Management Fee: 1.5% p.a.		
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: With a medium to long-term investment horizon Seek maximum capital appreciation Do not require regular income Comfortable with higher volatility Willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains	Other Charges	Inclusive of auditor fee & transaction charge		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE FUND				
Equities	Cash			
Minimum 80% - 98%	Up to 20%			

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE FUND	
Financial Services	30.54%
Industrial Products & Services	17.43%
Technology	12.97%
Consumer Products & Services	11.37%
Energy	7.15%
Utilities	4.79%
Transportation & Logistics	4.21%
Construction	3.30%
Telecommunications & Media	3.22%
Plantation	0.86%
Property	0.51%
Health Care	0.51%
Cash	3.13%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE FUND (EQUITIES)	
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	8.11%
Malayan Banking Bhd	7.00%
Public Bank Bhd - Local	6.10%
Press Metal Aluminium Holding Bhd	5.04%
Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd	4.68%
RHB Bank Bhd	4.06%
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	3.79%
Inari Amertron Bhd	3.32%
Genting Bhd	3.19%
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	3.03%
Total	48.32%

PERFORMANCE RECORD



%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	4.30	5.06	11.76	-0.60	17.49	41.70	166.84
Benchmark	-1.38	6.19	4.19	-9.45	-1.34	16.64	108.35

^{*} 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

Market review

In August, the Fund rose 5.06%, underperforming the benchmark by 1.13%. The underperformance was mainly due to overweight in Energy and Information Technology as well as the underweight in Consumer Staples and Utilities. On the YTD, the Fund outperformed the Benchmark by 5.68%.

Portfolio Strategy

FBMKLCI rose 106pts or 7% to 1,601.38pts in August, a level not seen since June before the whole domestic political debacle started and it was the best monthly performance in over a decade. Although Plantations stocks led the pack, reopening plays, dominated by large-caps, were in focus - Transport (+6%), Finance (+6%), Industrials (+6%) and Consumer (4%).

Malaysia's manufacturing PMI rose further to 43.4pts in August from 40.1pts in July - the manufacturing sector remained weak, albeit improving. Businesses reported reductions in both production levels and new orders as rise in COVID-19 cases hampered output and sales, however, easing lockdown measures helped take some of the pressure off. On a positive note, expectations for the coming year have improved as more companies grew optimistic that the worst of the pandemic has passed.

We expect Bank Negara to maintain the OPR at 1.75% in the upcoming MPC meeting. The continuation of an accommodative monetary policy is deemed appropriate. The central bank has officially revised its 2021 GDP growth forecast to 3.0-4.0% (previously at 6.0-7.5%). The estimate is based on the anticipated reopening of all economic and social sectors in 4Q21 due to the advanced vaccination progress.

Corporate earnings are poised for strong recovery, despite the persistent weak economic conditions. We project 53% earnings growth for 2021 for our coverage universe followed by a further 5% growth for 2022. Excluding Glove sector, growth for 2021 and 2022 would be 45% and 20% respectively, which are considered commendable.

We turn positive on Malaysia as movement controls ease, paving way for a full economy reopening, and domestic political issues abating. We continue to be selective on stocks from a bottom-up basis that plays into the reopening theme and thus remain constructive on sectors such as Financial, cyclical themes namely Consumer Discretionary, Basic Materials and select Transport. Technology has done well but interests could wane as the market broaden out, hence, we are selective on Tech names. We continue to underweight Glove and Plantation given their earnings prospects and ESG issues.

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RISKS

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

Market risk is the risk of negative movement that affects the price of all assets in a particular capital market. The factors influencing the performance of the markets include:

- Economic and financial market conditions
- Political change
- Broad investor sentiment
- Movements in interest rate and inflation
- Currency risks

Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities and performance of individual companies and general market or economic conditions. Such movements in the underlying values of the share of the investment portfolio will cause the NAV or prices of units to fall as well as rise. Market risk is mitigated through careful selection of securities and diversification through spreading of risk across a basket of assets and/or sectors.

Company or security specific risk

Market risk

There are many specific risks, which apply to individual companies or securities. Examples include the possible effect on a company of losing a key executive or the unforeseen entry of a new competitor into the market. The risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. In-house analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.

Credit risk

The risk of loss of principal or loss of a financial reward stemming from counterparty's failure to repay a loan or otherwise meet a contractual obligation. This risk is primarily applicable to the liquid assets of this fund. Credit risk is mitigated by conducting in-house periodic reviews and analysis. Inhouse analysis is then supplemented by periodic reviews from rating agencies and market analysts.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 30 August 2021

Disclaimer:

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