

## **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	27.66 million units (29 January 2021)	Fund Size	RM52.03 million (29 January 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.8810 (29 January 2021)	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			
Equities (Foreign)	Mutual Fund	Cash	
63.05%	31.06%	5.90%	



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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
SPDRS&P 500 ETF	38.92%		
IShares Core MSCI EUR ETF Dist	17.55%		
Principal GLB EUR EQ-INS ACC	10.25%		
JPM Europe Strategic Growth Fd	9.51%		
JPM Japan Yen Fund	6.86%		
TOPIX ETF	6.57%		
Legg Mason GLB - US Large Cap	4.44%		
Cash	5.90%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Apple Inc	2.84%
Microsoft Corp	2.29%
Amazon.com Inc	2.12%
Nestle SA	1.45%
ASML Holding NV	1.28%
Alphabet Inc	1.27%
Facebook Inc	1.05%
LVMH	0.95%
Roche Holding Ltd	0.74%
Tesla Inc	0.66%
Total	14.65%

## 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 29 January 2021:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	-1.06	-1.06	7.24	10.15	20.12	54.61	88.10
Benchmark	-0.65	-0.65	9.21	9.89	21.96	61.67	92.22

<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**

Fund (Class MYR) declined by 1.06% during the month of January 2021, underperforming the benchmark by 41bps.

Developed equity market had a volatile month with delays in Europe vaccine rollout amid the rise of new covid variant in UK and South Africa as well as delay in another US fiscal stimulus package. However, The number of new cases and hospitalizations in US, Europe and Japan dropped from their winter highs with lockdowns and the rollout of vaccines. Part of the month-end sell-off is caused by hedge funds covering short position losses caused by a group of coordinated retail investors. S&P 500 Index, MSCI Europe and Japan Indexes returned 0.46%, -2.39% and -0.6% respectively in MYR terms. The Dollar Index appreciated slightly against EUR and JPY.

Fundamentals are positive for developed markets. PMIs are resilient against the backdrop of Covid-19 situation. US PMI continues to expand. The housing market is strong with housing starts rising at the fastest pace since 2006. Europe PMI stays in expansion zone and factory activity continue to expand. Japan PMI is stabilized with optimistic business confidence and anticipation of a demand recovery from world economic recovery. The 12m forward earnings are consistently revised higher across all developed markets. In January, the Federal Rese and European Central Bank have reaffirmed their accommodative monetary policy support until inflation rises meaningfully towards targets. We expect developed markets central banks to maintain their extremely easy policy stance.

Valuations are not stretched overall after the recent few rounds of market corrections.

We are overweight all developed markets as growth broadens out in 2021. We maintain our view that the global economy should continue its recovery over the next 12 months. Developed markets PMIs are resilient against the backdrop of rising covid cases. Corporate earnings are consistently revised higher across all developed markets. We think the resurgence of virus cases would be contained by better awareness, testing and contact tracing and the continued roll out of vaccines to the public. In addition, markets will continue to be supported by low interest rates and ample liquidity.



# **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.





## **RISKS (CONTINUED)**

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Credit and default

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 : 29 January 2021

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