# **Sun Life Malaysia World Equity Fund**

June 2021



### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Seeks to achieve capital appreciation in the long-term through investments in Shariah-compliant equities and equityrelated securities.

FUND DETAILS			
Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	6.77 million units (30 June 2021)	Fund Size	RM11.20 million (30 June 2021)
Unit NAV	RM1.6540 (30 June 2021)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Fund Manager	Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investments (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	Target Fund	Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Islamic (Shariah) Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Risk Profile	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors:</li> <li>Have a long term investment horizon</li> <li>Target capital appreciation</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 World Equity Income Fund</li> <li>1.75% p.a. fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investments (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.</li> </ul>

### ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND Equities 90% - 100%

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Healthcare	25.6%	TSMC	4.0%	
Information Technology	23.1%	L'Oreal	3.8%	
Industrials	14.8%	Procter & Gamble Co	3.6%	
Consumer Discretionary	12.4%	ASML Holding	3.2%	
Consumer Staples	10.2%	Nike Inc	3.1%	
Materials	5.7%	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	2.9%	
Real Estate	4.3%	Trane Technologies	2.9%	
Utilities	1.3%	Brunello Cucinelli	2.8%	
Cash	2.6%	Goodman Group Unit	2.8%	
Total	100.0%	Nestle	2.8%	
		Total	31.9%	

Cash

0% -10%



#### PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital appreciation in the long-term through investments in Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia World Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 June 2021:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	12.52	2.83	12.52	28.94	45.62	65.76	65.40
Benchmark	15.26	1.25	15.26	31.49	42.82	80.38	102.61

\* 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

- Global stocks advanced in most major currencies in June as US lawmakers crossed party lines to support President
  Joe Biden's US\$1.2trillion infrastructure spending package. Weaker-than-expected underlying inflation there also
  soothed concerns of potentially faster monetary policy tightening by the Federal Reserve, lifting US benchmarks to
  record highs. Sentiment was similarly upbeat in Europe as the central bank raised growth forecasts and expected
  inflationary pressures to stay subdued.
- In fund-related corporate news, New Zealand's Auckland International Airport saw an over 700% jump in passenger traffic in May thanks to bilateral travel arrangements made with neighbouring country Australia amid low Covid-19 infection rates.
- Meanwhile, Canadian athleisure wear company Lululemon's first-quarter results beat market expectations as the pandemic boosted demand for activewear with people increasingly exercising at home.
- Elsewhere, French cosmetics maker L'Oreal partnered video-sharing platform provider Tik Tok to promote and sell some beauty products via the app in the UK. The move will help L'Oreal tap the latter's wide base of content creators to expand its foothold in e-commerce.
- During the month, we trimmed Australian software company Altium to our preferred exposure. We also pared US software company Adobe to our preferred exposure following share-price strength.

Conversely, we introduced Denmark-based DSV Panalpina for its high quality industrial freight business and long-term attractive growth dynamics amid continued consolidation of the industry. We expect the sector's cyclicality to provide opportunities to build our position in this attractive business, which has the potential to multiply growth. Elsewhere, we raised Swedish industrial equipment and tools maker Atlas Copco, New Zealand-based medical devices maker Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, chipmaker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company and Indian paint and coatings firm Asian Paints to our preferred exposure.

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### RISKS

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

External Investment Manager Risk	The fund management function of the target fund is delegated to Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited ("AAML"). AAML ("External Investment Manager") is an entity within the Aberdeen Standard Investments group ("ASI Group"). Although the External Investment Manager is an entity within the ASI Group and they will have regular meetings with Aberdeen Standard to deliberate on the investment themes and portfolio decisions, there is still the risk that the External Investment Manager may not adhere to the investment mandate of the target fund due to an oversight. In the event of an oversight by the External Investment Manager, the NAV of the target fund will be adversely affected and the investment of the policy owners may be jeopardised through the loss of their capital invested in the target fund.		
Market risk	Market risk refers to potential losses that may arise from changes in the market prices of the Shariah-compliant equities that the target fund invests in. Prices of the Shariah-compliant equities will fluctuate in response to various factors, for example, events or news that relates to the Shariah-compliant equities as well as general market or economic conditions. In mitigating this risk, Aberdeen Standard will invest in various sectors, thus the collapse of any particular sector would not have a major adverse impact on the value of the target fund.		
Stock specific risk	Any drop in the price of a particular Shariah-compliant stock held by the target fund may affect the unit price of the target fund adversely. This risk can be mitigated by investing in a wide range of Shariah-compliant equities in different sectors, thus spreading the element of risk.		
Concentration risk	This risk refers to the risk that the target fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in a particular sector or geographical area which may cause the target fund to be more susceptible to adverse economic events affecting that particular industry or region. This risk is mitigated through the diversification process that Aberdeen Standard will employ in the management of the target fund whereby the target fund will hold a diversified portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities across various sectors and countries.		
Shariah-compliant warrants risk	The price, performance and liquidity of Shariah-compliant warrants are typically linked to the underlying Shariah-compliant equities and therefore subject to those risks. However, the price, performance and liquidity of such Shariah-compliant warrants will generally fluctuate more than the underlying Shariah-compliant equities because of the greater volatility of the warrants market. The erosion of value of the Shariah-compliant warrants may accelerate as the Shariah-compliant warrants approach its expiry date and the potential gains from a favourable price movement of the underlying Shariah-compliant equities may be offset by time decay.		
Currency risk	As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than the 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. Investors 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 in the base currency and vice versa. Investors 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. The impact of the exchange rate movement between the base currency of the target fund and the currency of the underlying investments may result in a depreciation of the value of the investments as expressed in the base currency of the target fund.		
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#### **RISKS (CONTINUED)**

Reclassification of Shariah status risk	This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equities in the target fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the equities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission (SACSC), the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah Boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, Aberdeen Standard and the External Investment Manager will take the necessary steps to dispose of such equities. There may be opportunity loss to the target fund due to the target fund not being allowed to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant equities. Aberdeen Standard and the External Investment Manager will be required to dispose of these equities immediately if the market price is above the investment cost. Should the market price be below the investment cost, Aberdeen Standard and the External Investment Cost. Nevertheless, should Aberdeen Standard and the External Investment Manager decide to dispose of these equities below the investment cost, Aberdeen Standard and the External Investment cost. Nevertheless, should Aberdeen Standard and the External Investment Manager decide to dispose of these equities below the investment cost, the target fund will be faced with the risk of realising its losses, thus negatively impacting the NAV of the target fund.
Emerging and developing markets risk	In emerging and developing markets, the legal, judicial and regulatory infrastructure is still developing and there are much legal uncertainties both for the local market participants and their overseas counterparts. As the emerging and developing markets carry significant risks, investors should therefore ensure that, before investing in the target fund, they understand the relevant risks and are satisfied that an investment in the target fund is suitable.
Taxation	Investors should note in particular that the proceeds from the sale of Shariah-compliant securities in some markets or the receipt of any dividends or other income by the target fund may be or may become subject to tax, levies, duties or other fees or charges imposed by the authorities in that market, including taxation levied by withholding at the source. Tax law and practices in certain countries into which the target fund invests or may invest in the future (in particular emerging and developing markets) is not clearly established. It is possible that the current interpretation of the law or understanding of practice might change, or that the law might be changed with retrospective effect. It is also possible that the target fund could become subject to additional taxation in such countries that is not anticipated either at the date of this prospectus or when investments are made, valued or disposed of.
Execution and Counterparty Risk	In some markets, there may be no secure method of delivery against payment which would avoid exposure to counterparty risk. It may be necessary to make payment on a purchase or delivery on a sale before receipt of the Shariah-compliant securities or, as the case may be, sale proceeds.

Source : Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investments (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. Date : 30 June 2021

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Although Sun Life Malaysia World Equity Fund invests in Shariah-approved securities, the investment-linked insurance plan itself is not classified as a Shariah-compliant product.