Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund

September 2026

FUND OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with an opportunity to gain consistent and stable income by investing in a diversified portfolio of dividend yielding equities and fixed income securities. The Fund may also provide moderate capital growth potential over the medium to long-term period.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH

Please refer to the Master Fund Fact Sheets at https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/ for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach for the target fund.

FUND DETAILS

Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000
Units in Circulation	9.37 million units	Fund Size	RM19.22 million
Unit NAV	RM2.0510	Target Fund	Principal Titans Income Plus Fund
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income
Performance Benchmark	50% FBM100 Index + 50% MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	Frequency and Basis of Unit Valuation	The unit price is determined daily based on value of the holdings in the target fund, net of expenses, divided by the total number of units in that fund
Target Market	Suitable for investors: ▪ Have a medium to long-term investment horizon ▪ Target capital appreciation ▪ Do not require regular income ▪ Comfortable with higher volatility ▪ Willing to take higher risk for potential higher gains	Fund Management Charge	Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund.

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND

Equities and equity related securities	Fixed income securities	Liquid assets
Minimum 70% and up to 98% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Up to 28% of NAV	Minimum 2% of NAV

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND	
Information Technology	42.69%
Financials	16.50%
Industrials	13.52%
Mutual Fund	8.56%
Others	4.44%
Consumer Discretionary	4.04%
Communication Services	2.56%
Real Estate	2.30%
Consumer Staples	2.16%
Cash	3.23%
Total	100.00%

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (Taiwan)	9.33%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (South Korea)	6.81%
SK Hynix Inc (South Korea)	5.39%
iShares MSCI India ETF (United States)	4.55%
ASPEED Technology Inc (Taiwan)	3.23%
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	3.08%
Public Bank Bhd (Malaysia)	2.41%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Malaysia)	2.11%
Gamuda Bhd (Malaysia)	1.71%
NEXT FUNDS TOPIX Banks ETF (Japan)	1.69%
Total	40.31%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

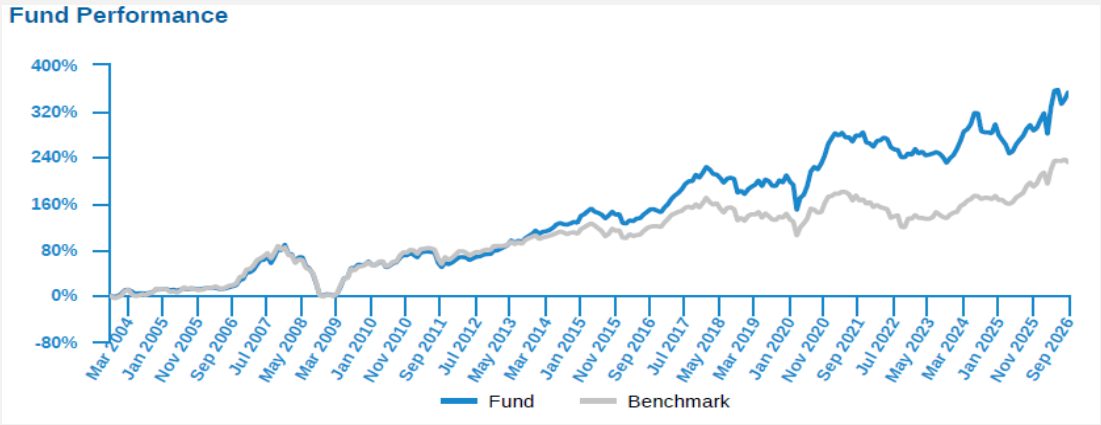
This fund feeds into Principal Titans Income Plus Fund ("target fund") with the objective to provide investors with an opportunity to gain consistent and stable income by investing in a diversified portfolio of dividend yielding equities and fixed income securities. The Fund may also provide moderate capital growth potential over the medium to long-term period.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Equity Income Fund versus its benchmark:

%	YTD	1M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	14.93	2.68	15.70	32.20	21.85	84.34	105.10
Benchmark	12.11	-1.57	14.18	39.97	25.04	51.69	63.56

** Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV*

Graph below shows the historical performance of the underlying collective investment schemes (CIS) for calendar year returns:



Source: Lipper

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FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

During the month, the Fund gained 2.68% in MYR terms, outperforming the Benchmark by 4.25%. Year to date, the Fund is underperforming the Benchmark by 2.82%.

The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index declined by 1.2% in September in USD terms, driven mainly by India and Indonesia. Markets were held back by a sharp rise in bond yields where US 10-year yields rose by 53bps to 5.29%, a 14% jump in Brent crude and a stronger US dollar. On the other hand, technology sector continued to outperform, with Taiwan ROC and Korea being the best performing markets in September. Investor sentiment was positive, buoyed by a favorable market reception to Meta's launch of its new AI service, Muse, and to OpenAI's GPT-6 Astra.

We have a positive outlook on Asian equities, given the exposure to high growth tech and quality financial names, attractive valuation and strong earnings growth for the next 2 years. Volatility is a likely feature, and we will continue to hold a diversified portfolio and focus on companies with quality growth, high free cashflow, and/or improving capital management. We prefer technology, financials, industrials and internet platforms.

The FBM100 Index fell 4.00% in September. Sentiment was significantly eroded by widening US Treasury yields - which rose to a 24-year high - and the unabated US-Iran conflict. Only Utilities, Construction, Energy and Healthcare posted positive returns. Given the increasingly challenging backdrop of higher global bond yields, elevated geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, and uncertainty surrounding the timing of Malaysia's next general election, we expect market sentiment to remain cautious in the near term. We maintain a barbell investment strategy, combining core holdings in high-quality domestic leaders with resilient earnings profiles and strong fundamentals, alongside selective exposure to undervalued opportunities, earnings upgrade candidates, and structural growth beneficiaries.

Our preferred sectors remain Financials, Utilities, Construction, and quality Technology. While we expect rotational interest towards laggard stocks and sectors to persist, risks from sticky inflation, slower global growth, and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties could weigh on Malaysia's economic and corporate earnings recovery.

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RISKS

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

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.
Credit and default risk	The target fund will be exposed to a certain degree of credit and default risk of issuers or counterparties when the target fund invests in debt securities, money market instruments and/or place deposits. Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the securities issuers or counterparties and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuers or counterparties may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investments. In the case of rated debt securities, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk that a securities issuer or counterparty either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investments. This could adversely affect the value of the target fund. We aim to mitigate this risk by performing bottom-up and top-down credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its issuers or counterparties, and impose investment limits on exposures for issuers or counterparties with different credit profiles as a precautionary step to limit any loss that may arise directly or indirectly as a result of a defaulted transaction.
Interest rate risk	Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of debt instruments and money market instruments. When interest rates rise, debt instruments and money market instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in debt instruments and money market instruments. In managing the debt instruments, we take into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the debt instruments with an aim to mitigate the interest rate risk. As for money market instruments, the typical tenor of these instruments are less than 12-month maturity and unlike debt instrument, any change to interest rate will only have a minor impact to the prices of these instruments.
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 in. 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 price of units to fall.

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Currency risk	As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the target fund, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency of the target fund 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 of the target fund, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the target fund in the base currency 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.
Risk of investing in emerging markets	In comparison with investments in the developed markets, investment in emerging markets may involve a higher degree of risk due to the greater possibility of political or economic instability and societal tensions. Emerging markets are markets that are, by definition, “in a state of transition” and are therefore exposed to rapid political change and economic declines. The securities in the emerging markets may face a higher risk of price drop while the exchange rates in these emerging markets are generally more volatile than those of developed markets. As such, you should be aware that investments in emerging markets may subject to higher price volatility and therefore will tend to have a higher investment risk that will affect the target fund’s growth. We attempt to mitigate these risks through active asset allocation management and diversification across different countries and sectors, in addition to our continuous bottom-up and top-down research and analysis.
Risks associated with investment in warrants	There are inherent risks associated with investment in warrants. The value of warrants is influenced by the current market price of the underlying security, the exercise price of the contract, the time to expiration of the contract and the estimate of the future volatility of the underlying security’s price over the life of the contract. Generally, the erosion in value of warrants accelerates as it approaches its expiry date. Like securities, we will undertake fundamental research and analysis on these instruments with an aim to mitigate its risks.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

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