# Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund April 2018

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

A total return fund that seeks to capture the high growth of developing companies within the Asia (ex-Japan) region.

FUND DETAILS						
Launch Date	20 May 2014	Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	14.724 million units (30 April 2018)	Fund Size	RM18.162 million (30 April 2018)			
Unit NAV	RM1.2335 (30 April 2018)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad	Target Fund	Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund			
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia (ex-Japan) Small Cap Index	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>Are risk tolerance</li> <li>Are seeking higher returns for their investments compared to the performance benchmark</li> </ul>	Fees	Management Fee: 1.500% p.a.			

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGE FUND				
Equities	Cash			
Minimum 75%; Max 99.80%	Remaining Balance			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Financials	28.2%			
Oil & Gas	13.4%			
Technology	10.0%			
Basic Materials	7.9%			
Industrials	7.6%			
Health Care	6.0%			
Consumer Services	5.1%			
Utilities	3.7%			
Consumer Goods	1.5%			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	16.6%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND (EQUITIES)				
5.5%				
5.2%				
4.5%				
3.7%				
3.7%				
3.6%				
3.3%				
3.3%				
2.9%				
2.8%				



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#### PERFORMANCE RECORD

The Fund feeds into Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve consistent capital appreciation over medium to long-term by investing mainly in growth companies in Asia (ex Japan) with market capitalization of not more than USD1.5 billion at the time of acquisition, subject to the flexibility of investing up to 25% of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund in companies in Asia (ex Japan) with market capitalization of not more than USD3.0 billion at the time of acquisition.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 April 2018.

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-7.0	-1.0	-8.9	-10.6	-13.2	15.8	23.4
Benchmark	-4.0	1.7	-5.2	-3.5	3.3	11.6	36.5

<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**

- Geopolitical risks look to have calmed following a softening of protectionist rhetoric, ongoing trade discussions, and recent peace efforts with North Korea.
- Asia ex Japan companies reported strong earnings growth, ranging 25% to 26%, albeit below analyst expectations.
- Asian markets continue to be volatile as UST yields reach 3%, while Asian currencies, particularly the IDR and INR, are under pressure due to a USD rebound.
- Asia ex Japan stock performance were mixed, with the broader MSCI Asia ex Japan index down 1.2% YTD.
- Singapore stock market had a strong showing, becoming the best performing market in Asia YTD following a 5.4% rise in the Straits Times Index.
- The Indonesia and Philippines markets meanwhile, continued to trend lower, affected by the weak currency and economic concerns, and are now among the worst performers in the region. We have exited our positions in these countries.
- The Fund slid 1.0% lower in the month of April, while its benchmark index rose 1.7% over the same period.



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### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS (CONTINUED)**

- STRATEGY: We expect market volatility to continue in the near term as uncertainties prevail.
- We continue to believe that the broader economic fundamentals remain robust and there are still opportunities in the market to participate in.
- Sentiment and valuations are no longer at elevated levels, though there are still some headwinds particularly on the currency side.
- We see opportunities in Chinese and Singapore names, adding selectively in the tech and financial sector.
- We are cautious on Indonesia and Philippines stocks, having exited our exposure to the latter.
- We remain cautious, holding 15% 20% cash levels, while we wait for markets to adjust to higher yields, though still seeing opportunities for good bottom up ideas.

Source: Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

Date : 16 May 2018

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