Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund **May 2019**

FUND OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invests primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

FUND DETAILS							
Launch Date	1 December 2017	Domicile	Malaysia				
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000				
Units in Circulation	881,866 units (31 May 2019)	Fund Size	RM793,904 (31 May 2019)				
Unit NAV	RM0.9003 (31 May 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)				
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of Funds				
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index	Taxation	8% of annual investment income				
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Have a high risk profile and seek for potentially higher but more volatile investment return Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles	Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund. Up to 1.8% of per annum fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Berhad. 				

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Mutual Funds	Cash			
93 51%	6.48%			

SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND		
Mutual Funds	93.51%	
Cash	6.49%	
Total	100.00%	

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND			
CIMB Islamic Asia Pac Equity Fund	36.96%		
CIMB Islamic Equity Aggressive Fund	28.49%		
CIMB Islamic DALI Equity	28.06%		
Total	93.51%		



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PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into CIMB Islamic Aggressive Wholesale Fund-of-Funds ("target fund") with the objective to achieve capital growth by investing in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant collective investment schemes that invest primarily in Shariah-compliant equities.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Islamic Strategic Aggressive Fund versus its benchmark as at 31 May 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	4.50	-3.18	-0.35	0.67	-6.45	N/A	-9.97
Benchmark	5.13	-7.52	-4.53	-1.02	-11.13	N/A	-11.66

^{*} 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

The Fund declined by 3.18% in May, outperformed the Benchmark by 4.34%. Year-to-date (YTD), the fund has underperformed the Benchmark by 0.63%.

Asia Pacific ex-Japan equities fell -8% in May as US-China trade tensions boiled over. MSCI China was the top loser, down -13%, while Australia, boosted by positive reaction to a surprising Liberal-Nation Coalition victory, was the only market in the region that ended in positive territory. Despite global trade uncertainties, Asia Pac ex Japan is still up for the year, +4% YTD. Subdued inflation worldwide has allowed central banks to adopt extremely accommodative monetary policies, with the consequent low interest rates across the entire term structure providing ample support for equity valuations. There is increasingly high likelihood of a global synchronized economic slowdown, so interest rates could stay lower for longer and liquidity would become more available for financial assets.

For Asian equities, however, we see high valuations (2019 PER 13.5x), elevated earnings expectations (2020 consensus growth expectations of 13% yoy), and potential for further escalation in geopolitical tensions, as capping further upside to stock prices. Consequently, we rate Asian equities as a HOLD until either visibility on earnings improves, or valuations become more attractive. We note that equity flows into Asia are starting to turn negative with outflows from Taiwan, Malaysia and Korea. Fund flows remain positive for Thailand and Indonesia. Our short term focus is the conservation of capital, hence we are holding a higher level of cash (12 – 15% cash reserves) within the portfolios. On country allocation, we are over-weighted Singapore for the attractive dividends paid by companies on the exchange. We are also over-weighted India where rural growth remains a strong theme and a source of investment opportunities. We are underweighted China pending clarity on the impact of the trade dispute with USA.

Source: Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 May 2019

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