

Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund March 2018

FUND OBJECTIVE

Aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income while complying with Shariah investment criteria, through investments in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan region.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	13 February 2015			
Domicile	Malaysia			
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia			
Launch Price	RM1.0000			
Units in Circulation	2.851 million units (30 March 2018)			
Fund Size	RM3.513 million (30 March 2018)			
Unit NAV	RM1.2323 (30 March 2018)			
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)			
Fund Manager	CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd			
Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund			
Benchmark	Dow Jones Islamic Market Asia Pacific ex Japan Index			
Risk Profile	Suitable for investors: Have a long-term investment horizon Want a portfolio of investments that adhere to Shariah principles Want a well-diversified portfolio of Asia Pacific ex Japan regional equities Seek capital appreciation over long-term			
Fees	 Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund. 1.8% of pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by CIMB-Principal. 			
Taxation	8% of annual investment income			

ASSET ALLOCATION		
Equity	Min 70%; Max 98%	
Sukuk & Deposits	Max 30%	
Liquid Assets	Min 2%	

WHERE THE TARGET FUND INVESTS							
Consumer	36.67%	Trading/Services	0.95%				
Technology	13.36%	Mutual Fund	0.27%				
Oil & Gas	11.73%	Cash	6.03%				
Industrials	10.59%	Finance	10.26%				
Basic Materials	10.14%	Total	100.0%				

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	9.44%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	8.57%
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	7.00%
Samsung Electronics – PFD (South Korea)	4.40%
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	3.97%
Tencent Hldg Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.71%
Posco (South Korea)	3.35%
LG Electronics Inc. (South Korea)	3.10%
Venture Corp Ltd (Singapore)	2.98%
AirTac International Group (Taiwan)	2.82%

PERFORMANCE RECORD

This fund feeds into CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund ("target fund") with the objective to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income while complying with Shariah investment criteria, through investments in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan region.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 March 2018:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	-3.39	-2.47	-3.39	-2.40	10.94	22.65	23.23
Benchmark	-3.38	-0.86	-3.38	-1.33	12.21	33.14	40.05

^{*} 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

In March, the Fund declined -2.47%, underperforming the Benchmark by 161 basis points. Year-to-date, the Fund declined -3.39%, underperforming the Benchmark by a single basis point. China and Australia were the major detractors during the month while sector wise, basic materials and Consumer Goods were a drag.

Asian equities declined 1.7% in US\$ terms in 1Q18 amidst concerns of rising bond yields with subsequent concerns on trade tensions and tech weakness pushing global equity markets down. The sell-off was broad-based with underperformance in materials, consumer discretionary and financials while utilities was the only gainer. Topical issues were: are we seeing negotiating tactics or the start of a trade war between the US and China? Is equity volatility this year the new normal? Asian equities are in a consolidation phase after last year's stellar performance and the investment positives are earnings growth of 14% in 2018, reasonable earnings multiple of 13x and rising ROE. On trade, our view is that US is using tariffs as a means of negotiating for intellectual property protection and more market opening measures in China. Ultimately, the US's focus is on high value industries that it competes with China, e.g. automation, biotechnology, electric vehicles. We are cautious on countries with rising inflation and a weakening current account and fiscal deficit like India and the Philippines. The portfolio is 94% invested with a portfolio Beta of ~1 and Overweight in Singapore, Australia and Underweight Taiwan. In sector terms, we are Overweight in Materials, Consumer Discretionary and Underweight Utilities and Information Technology.

Source: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd

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