Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund October 2019

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	RM3.23 million units (31 October 2019)	Fund Size	RM3.90 million (31 October 2019)		
Unit NAV	RM1.2074 (31 October 2019)	Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)		
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Target Fund	CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund		
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 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 Equity Fund. 1.8% pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd. 		

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Shariah-compliant Equities (Foreign)	Shariah-compliant Equities (Local)	Mutual Fund	Cash	
92.11%	0.84%	0.26%	6.79%	



SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND				
Information Technology	23.17%			
Consumer Discretionary	16.55%			
Communication Services	12.75%			
Real Estate	12.38%			
Industrials	7.53%			
Consumer Staples	7.07%			
Materials	6.28%			
Energy	4.99%			
Utilities	2.16%			
Mutual Fund	0.26%			
Financials	0.07%			
Cash	6.79%			
Total	100.00%			

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND		
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)	9.63%	
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands)	9.34%	
Samsung Electronics-PFD (South Korea)	4.58%	
China Mobile Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.75%	
Telekomunikasi TBK PT (Indonesia)	2.60%	
Taiwan Semiconducter Manuf (Taiwan)	2.53%	
CapitaLand Commercial Trust (Singapore)	2.51%	
SK Hynix Inc (South Korea)	2.36%	
Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd (Australia)	2.34%	
Reliance Industries (India)	2.25%	
Total	41.89%	

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 31 October 2019:

%	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1-Year	3-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	11.83	2.60	2.30	0.02	10.14	15.22	20.74
Benchmark	11.76	4.23	4.70	-1.70	10.17	20.50	34.48

^{*} 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.



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FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

In October, the Fund rose by +2.60% in MYR terms, underperforming the Benchmark by 163 basis points (bps). Consumer and Real Estate contributed to the underperformance. Year-to-date, the Fund rose +11.83%, outperforming the Benchmark by 7bps.

The MSCI AC Islamic Asia ex Japan Index rose in October with US and China verbally agreeing to a Phase 1 deal, which is expected to be drafted and signed in November-December. Taiwan and China were the best performing markets followed by India after its recently announced fiscal stimulus. Global economic growth including Asia appears to have stabilized with Global Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) still on expansion despite the contraction in the Global Manufacturing PMI. This is also supported by commentaries from economically sensitive companies (e.g. semiconductor) on improvement in their demand outlook. The monetary policy environment continues to be supportive in Asia, with most countries using a combination of interest rate, Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) and currency in the case of Singapore as easing measures. Furthermore, using fiscal stimulus to complement monetary accommodation could be seen as an option, such as that seen in India recently.

With our increasingly positive view on Asian equities, we incrementally favor stocks in the areas of Technology and economic sensitives in selected countries including China and India where we see the chances for an economic recovery to be higher.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 31 October 2019

Disclaimer:

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