## Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund November 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 | RM3.30 million units<br>(29 November 2019)  | Fund Size    | RM4.01 million<br>(29 November 2019)   |  |  |
| Unit NAV             | RM1.2154<br>(29 November 2019)  |              | Daily<br>(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   |              | 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         | <ul> <li>Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Equity Fund.</li> <li>1.8% pa fund management charge is applied on the target fund's NAV by Principal Asset Management Bhd.</li> </ul> |  |  |

| ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND  |                                    |             |       |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|--|
| Shariah-compliant Equities (Foreign) | Shariah-compliant Equities (Local) | Mutual Fund | Cash  |  |
| 92.96%                               | 0.84%                              | 0.25%       | 5.95% |  |



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| SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND |         |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Information Technology               | 22.03%  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Discretionary               | 18.88%  |  |  |  |
| Communication Services               | 12.17%  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate                          | 11.15%  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Staples                     | 8.33%   |  |  |  |
| Energy                               | 6.82%   |  |  |  |
| Materials                            | 6.21%   |  |  |  |
| Industrials                          | 6.13%   |  |  |  |
| Utilities                            | 2.00%   |  |  |  |
| Mutual Fund                          | 0.25%   |  |  |  |
| Financials                           | 0.08%   |  |  |  |
| Cash                                 | 5.95%   |  |  |  |
| Total                                | 100.00% |  |  |  |

| TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND            |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Cayman Islands) | 9.95%  |  |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd (South Korea)  | 8.90%  |  |
| Samsung Electronics-PFD (South Korea)      | 4.48%  |  |
| Reliance Industries (India)                | 4.17%  |  |
| China Mobile Ltd (Hong Kong)               | 3.46%  |  |
| Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd (Australia) | 2.63%  |  |
| Sun Art Retail Group Ltd (Hong Kong)       | 2.53%  |  |
| China International Travel Ser (China)     | 2.47%  |  |
| Telekomunikasi TBK PT (Indonesia)          | 2.47%  |  |
| SK Hynix Inc (South Korea)                 | 2.29%  |  |
| Total                                      | 43.35% |  |

#### 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 29 November 2019:

| %         | YTD   | 1M   | 3M   | 6M   | 1-Year | 3-Year | Since<br>Inception |
|-----------|-------|------|------|------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Fund*     | 12.57 | 0.66 | 4.52 | 6.51 | 7.61   | 15.90  | 21.54              |
| Benchmark | 12.41 | 0.58 | 6.66 | 6.92 | 5.83   | 19.45  | 35.26              |

<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.



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#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

In November, the Fund rose by +0.66% in MYR terms, outperforming the Benchmark by 8 basis points (bps). Year-to-date, the Fund rose +12.41%, outperforming the Benchmark by 16bps.

Asia Pacific ex-Japan equities was flat in US\$ terms in November as investors digest the progress of a limited trade deal between US and China. Year-to-date, Australia was the best performing market, benefiting from investors' appetite for high quality dividend yielders, followed by Taiwan. Malaysia was the worst performing market amidst political uncertainty and broad-based slowdown. China's official Purchasing Managers' Index rose above 50 in November, indicating signs of improvement in business outlook. Asian central banks remain dovish with Bank of Thailand reducing its policy rate and Malaysia reducing the Statutory Reserve Requirement ratio.

We are fully invested and had deployed cash into selected countries which are expected to do well in 2020, including China and India, where lower interest rates coupled with fiscal stimulus could trigger a new cycle of credit growth. We are also positive on technology sector in Taiwan and Korea but mindful of valuations, which suggest that some recovery has been factored in. When appropriate, we plan to top-slice certain positions where expectations are lofty.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 29 November 2019

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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.