# Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund May 2025



### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY & APPROACH**

Please refer to the Master Fund Fact Sheets at <a href="https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/">https://www.sunlifemalaysia.com/insurance-and-takaful/investment-linked-fund/yearly-fund-fact-sheet/</a> for more information on the Investment Strategy and Approach for the target fund.

FUND DETAILS				
Launch Date	13 February 2015	Domicile	Malaysia	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia	Launch Price	RM1.0000	
Units in Circulation	195.26 million units (30 May 2025)	Fund Size	RM324.56 million (30 May 2025)	
Unit NAV	RM1.6622 (30 May 2025)	Target Fund	Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund - Class MYR	
Fund Manager	Principal Asset Management Bhd	Taxation	8% of annual investment income	
Performance Benchmark	8% p.a	Frequency and Basis of Unit Valuation	The unit price is determined daily based on value of the holdings in the target fund, net of expenses, divided by the total number of units in that fund	
Target Market	<ul> <li>Suitable for investors:</li> <li>Have a medium to long-term investment horizon</li> <li>Want a well-diversified portfolio of Asia Pacific ex Japan region</li> <li>Seek regular income</li> <li>Can accept that returns may fluctuate over the investment period</li> </ul>	Fund Management Charge	Sun Life Malaysia does not impose any fund management charge on Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund.	

ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND					
Equities	Collective Investment Schemes (CIS)	Liquid assets			
Minimum 60% and up to 98% of Net Asset Value (NAV)	Maximum 20% of NAV	Minimum 2% of NAV			

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SECTOR ALLOCATION OF THE TARGET FUND			
Industrials	18.12%		
Information Technology	13.94%		
Financials	12.71%		
Communication Services	11.73%		
Others	11.50%		
Consumer Discretionary	10.92%		
Mutual Fund	7.75%		
Health Care	4.58%		
Real Estate	4.24%		
Cash	4.51%		
Total	100.00%		

TOP HOLDINGS OF THE TARGET FUND	
Tencent Holdings Ltd (Hong Kong)	6.66%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (Taiwan)	5.73%
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd (Singapore)	4.06%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.98%
NEXT FUNDS TOPIX Banks Exchange Traded Fund (Japan)	3.79%
Hong Kong Exchanges And Clearing Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.77%
Xiaomi Corporation (Hong Kong)	2.93%
KT Corporation Sponsored ADR (United States)	2.47%
SGH Ltd (Australia)	2.45%
HDFC Bank Ltd ADR (United States)	2.43%
Total	38.27%

### **PERFORMANCE RECORD**

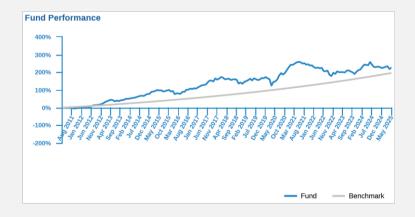
This fund feeds into Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund - Class MYR ("target fund") with the objective to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term.

Table below shows the investment returns of Sun Life Malaysia Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund versus its benchmark as at 30 May 2025:

%	YTD	1M	6M	1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	Since Inception
Fund*	0.43	2.16	-0.86	-3.62	0.81	29.87	66.22
Benchmark	3.24	0.66	3.91	7.99	25.97	46.91	121.40

<sup>\*</sup> Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV

Graph below shows the historical performance of the underlying collective investment schemes (CIS) for calendar year returns:



Source: Lipper

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

The Fund was up 2.16% in MYR terms in May, outperforming the benchmark by 150 bps. YTD, the Fund is up 0.43%, underperforming the benchmark by 281 bps.

The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index surged 4.8% in May in USD terms, on the back of renewed optimism on the tariff front from the earlier than expected truce between US and China. Despite the trade tensions and signs that corporate investments have been put on hold, the US economy continued to show resilience, with more than expected jobs being added in April. This poses challenges for the US Fed with regards to monetary policy. Economic activity is holding up well enough to keep the Federal Reserve on hold. China's macro numbers indicated a slowdown after a strong 1Q25. Property sales deteriorated again since April. We expect the Chinese government to implement more stimulative policies on both the fiscal and monetary front to blunt the tariffs especially if no deal was made during the 90-day reprieve. Any decisive move to elevate domestic consumption as a growth driver will be viewed positively. While the US-China tariff truce marks a de-escalation in trade tensions, the path ahead in terms of trade policy is still uncertain. Nevertheless, we are cautiously optimistic on Asian equities as we are of the opinion that both US and China have incentives to reach a compromise and hence a constructive resolution to the tariff issue is possible. This would address a major concern for investors. As the USD depreciates and FX stability becomes less of a constraint and growth concerns arise, Asian central banks should have room to cut policy rates. Historically, a weaker USD led to fund flows into Asian equities. We prefer being appropriately diversified, with growth and cyclicals balanced by some dividend yields. We are invested in high dividend yielders across telecoms, real estate and financials, while also invested in companies with more visible growth in technology, consumer tech, industrials and internet platforms. Risks would be (1) full blown trade war globally, (2) global recession, and (3) rising geopolitical risks.

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### **RISKS**

All investment carries some form of risks. The potential key risks include but are not limited to the following:

# Stock specific risk

Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the target fund's NAV.

# **Country risk**

Investments of the target fund in any country may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the target fund invests. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the target fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the target fund or price of units to fall.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk refers to the ease of liquidating an asset depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the target fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the target fund will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavourable prices.

# Currency risk

As the investments of the target fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the target fund, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency of the target fund and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the investments are denominated depreciate against the base currency of the target fund, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the target fund and vice versa. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.

# Credit and default

The target fund will be exposed to a certain degree of credit and default risk of issuers or counterparties when the target fund invests in debt securities, money market instruments and/or place deposits. Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the securities issuers or counterparties and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuers or counterparties may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investments. In the case of rated debt securities, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk that a securities issuer or counterparty either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investments. This could adversely affect the value of the target fund. Principal (S) aims to mitigate this risk by performing bottom-up and top-down credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its issuers or counterparties, and impose investment limits on exposures for issuers or counterparties with different credit profiles as a precautionary step to limit any loss that may arise directly or indirectly as a result of a defaulted transaction.

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### **RISKS (CONTINUED)**

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of debt securities. When interest rates rise, debt securities prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the target fund's investment in debt securities. In managing the debt portfolio, Principal (S) takes into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the debt securities with an aim to mitigate the interest rate risk.

# Risk associated with investing in CIS

Since the target fund may invest entirely into CIS, there is a risk of concentration into CIS, in which the CIS's management company has absolute discretion over the CIS's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the CIS and/or the management company, the NAV of the target fund, which invests into those CIS would be affected negatively. Should the situation arise, Principal (S) will seek for another CIS that is consistent with the objective of the target fund.

# Risk of investing in emerging markets

In comparison with investments in the developed markets, investment in emerging markets may involve a higher degree of risk due to the greater possibility of political or economic instability and societal tensions. Emerging markets are markets that are, by definition, "in a state of transition" and are therefore exposed to rapid political change and economic declines. The securities in the emerging markets may face a higher risk of price drop while the exchange rates in these emerging markets are generally more volatile than those of developed markets. As such, you should be aware that investments in emerging markets may be subject to higher price volatility and therefore will tend to have a higher investment risk that will affect the target fund's growth. Principal (S) will attempt to mitigate these risks through active asset allocation management and diversification, in addition to their continuous bottom-up and top-down research and analysis.

Source : Principal Asset Management Bhd

Date : 30 May 2025

### Disclaimer:

This is strictly the performance of the investment fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums paid of the investment-linked product. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The performance of the fund is not guaranteed. The value of the fund will fluctuate and may fall below the amount of premiums paid and the fund value depends on the actual performance of the underlying investment. This material is for information purposes only and is subject to change at any time without notice. Sun Life Malaysia does not guarantee its accuracy, completeness, correctness or timeliness for any purpose or reason. This information should not be considered as advice or recommendation in relation to your account or particular investment objectives, financial situation or needs. You may not revise, transform, or build upon this material without prior written consent of Sun Life Malaysia. Before acting on any information you should seek independent financial advice. Sun Life Malaysia may suspend the unit pricing and defer the payment of benefits, other than death and total and permanent disability benefits, subscription or redemption of units, switching of funds, under this contract for a reasonable period in exceptional circumstances, such as and including intervening events resulting in temporary closure of any stock exchange.