# **Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund - Class MYR**

31 March 2025



Benchmark

Fund

2.12

1.05

1.47

Principal®

## **Fund Objective**

The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in the ASEAN region. The Fund will be managed with the aim of achieving a stable and positive investment returns over the medium to long term through investments in ASEAN region regardless of market conditions. The companies invested in must be domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the ASEAN region.

### **Lipper Score**



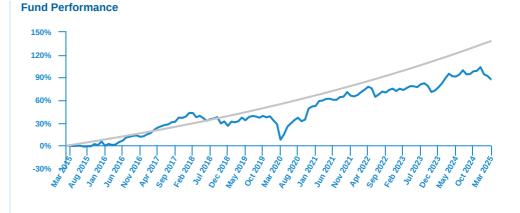
Consistent Return

#### **Morningstar Rating**



#### **Fund Information**

ISIN Code	MYU1000FG003
Lipper ID	68303967
Bloomberg Ticker	CIMPATR MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	USD
Fund Inception	3 Mar 2015
Benchmark	The Fund has a target return of nine percent (9%) per annum.
Application Fee	Principal Agency Distributor: Up to 6.50% of the NAV per unit IUTAs: Up to 5.50% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.80% p.a. of the NAV of the Class
Trustee Fee	0.045% p.a of the NAV of the Class
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 178.07 million
Fund Unit	199.30 million units
<b>NAV per unit</b> (As at 31 Mar 2025)	MYR 0.8935
Initial Offering Period Initial Offering Period	



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

Cumulative Performance (%)										
	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception		
Fund	-7.92	-2.3	-7.92	-3.60	-3.85	7.	.79 74.10	87.61		
Benchmark	2.15	0.	73 2.15	4.38	8.98	29.	.50 53.84	138.31		
Calendar Year Returns (%)	20	24	2023	2022	20	)21	2020	2019		
Fund		15.08	2.84	4.	.31	8.76	9.34	10.14		
Benchmark		9.00	9.00	9.	.00	9.00	9.00	9.00		
Most Recent Fund Distributions					2024	Nov	2023 Nov	2022 Nov		
Gross (sen/unit)						2.01	0.89	1.27		

Annualised Yield (%)

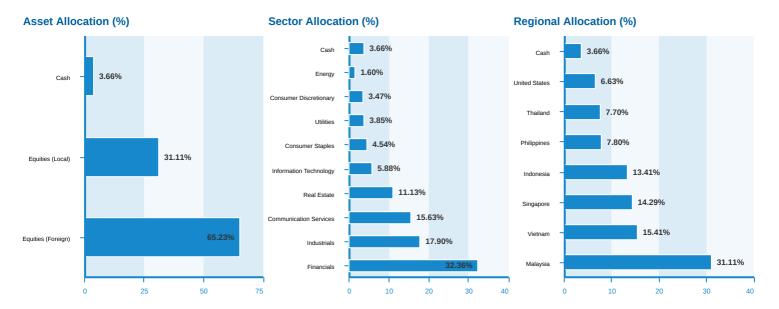
Note: March 2015 to March 2025.

Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV. Source : Lipper

Top Holdings	Country	% of Net Assets	Fund Risk Statistics	
Bank Central Asia	Indonesia	6.42	Beta	N/A
Gamuda Bhd	Malaysia	4.84	Information Ratio	-0.21
SEA Ltd	United States	4.72	Sharpe Ratio	-0.03
FPT Corporation	Vietnam	3.95	(3 years monthly data)	
Ho Chi Minh Development JSC Bank	Vietnam	3.52		
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	Indonesia	3.27		
Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC	Vietnam	3.14		
Singapore Technologies Engineering	Singapore	3.09		
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	Singapore	3.06		
Bank Of Philippine Islands	Philippines	2.94		

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Any repeated issuer shown means same issuer with different coupon rate and/or maturity date. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.



Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and/or inclusion or exclusion of cash will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

#### **Fund Manager's Report**

For the month of March, the Fund decreased 2.34%, underperforming the absolute benchmark by 307 basis points (bps). For the month, the major detractors were Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand. By sectors, the major detractors were Technology, Real Estate and Consumer Discretionary.

Post US-election, inflation expectations have been reversed again under President Trump 2.0. Volatility returned to FX and bond markets that led to ASEAN central bankers being more cautious. Asean markets saw strong foreign outflows and reluctant buying from domestic investors due to macro factors and ongoing concerns about domestic political situations. Philippines' central bank is hinting of an easing cycle as early as April, ahead of a June cut forecast by the Street. Vietnam's central bank lowered Treasury bill rate from 4% to 3.2% in the last 2 weeks of February, possibly laying the groundwork for an easing path. Earnings expectations have been revised down post US-election and on heightened FX volatility.

Nonetheless, until bond yield and FX stabilize, we reckon ASEAN markets will remain volatile along with other emerging markets. Irrespective of the chatters, we reckon it is opportune time to add into high quality names that have been sold off that would emerge stronger in the longer term.

Going forward, we believe ASEAN equities continue to provide unique opportunities of structural themes despite sustained volatility. We adopt a barbell approach of growth and yield. We continue to focus on quality companies benefiting from long-term growth of ASEAN income and consumption via sectors such as financials, consumer and real estates. Further recovery of tourism will be a boost to economy. Although we also like structural growth themes of Vietnam & FDI, technology & supply chain shift, and ASEAN internet, we are waiting for further clarity on the developing global trade dispute. We also take opportunities to lock in attractive sustainable dividend yields. As part of our absolute return strategy, we continue to be disciplined in taking profit from outperformers. We have been taking advantage of the recent market weakness, rotating to more attractive opportunities within the abovementioned themes.

^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 8.2 and is classified as "Low" (source: FIMM). The VF means there is a possibility for the fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by FIMM based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC. We recommend that you read and understand the contents of the Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund Prospectus Issue No. 5 dated 14 April 2023 which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Fund Prospectus for your record. Any issue of units to which the Fund Prospectus relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Fund Prospectus, subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to country risk, credit (default) risk, currency risk, Equity specific risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, risk associated with temporary defensive positions, risk of investing in emerging markets. You can obtain a copy of the Fund Prospectus from the head office of Principal Asset Management Berhad or from any of our approved distributors. Product Highlight Sheet ("PHS") is available and that investors have the right to requesting an investment. Unit prices and income distributions, if any, may fall or rise. Past performance is not reflective of future performance and income distributions are not guaranteed. You are advised to read and understand the contents of the Unit Trust Loan Financing Risk Disclosure Statement before deciding to borrow to purchase units. Where a unit split/distribution NAV is and

Carefully consider a fund's objective, risks, charges and expenses.

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