

# Principal DALI Asia Pacific Equity Growth Fund

31 March 2024  
Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme



## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth by investing principally in equities. The Fund also seeks to outperform the benchmark. The Fund will invest a minimum of 70% and up to a maximum of 98% of its NAV in Shariah-compliant equities in order to gain long-term capital growth and up to 28% of its NAV in other permissible Shariah-compliant investments. The Fund may opt to invest in foreign Shariah-compliant equities up to a maximum of 70% of its NAV. Such foreign Shariah-compliant equities must be securities of companies domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in countries in Asia Pacific ex Japan.

## Lipper Score

Total Return

5

Consistent Return

5

## Morningstar Rating



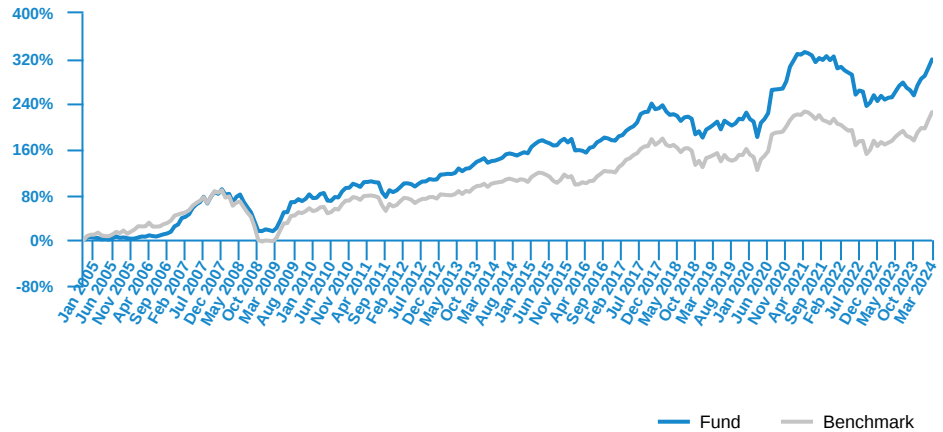
Sustainability



## Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1000BD009
Lipper ID	61501000
Bloomberg Ticker	SBBIKLS MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	8 Oct 2004
Benchmark	30% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index + 70% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index
Application Fee	IUTAs: 6.50% of the NAV per unit Principal Agency Distributor: 6.50% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.50% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.045% p.a. of the NAV
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 1403.16 million
Fund Unit	2242.47 million units
NAV per unit (As at 31 Mar 2024)	MYR 0.6257
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Date	29 Oct 2004
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price	MYR 0.50

## Fund Performance



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	8.89	3.68	8.89	14.96	19.25	-1.95	37.91	320.18
Benchmark	9.43	4.43	9.43	15.81	19.81	1.57	30.26	224.97

Calendar Year Returns (%)						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	11.38	-18.57	4.47	24.91	15.73	-15.58
Benchmark	11.97	-15.31	0.82	19.41	14.03	-16.12

Most Recent Fund Distributions						
	2022 Oct	2021 Oct	2020 Oct	2017 Sep	2016 Sep	2015 Oct
Gross (sen/unit)	1.68	2.20	3.20	2.00	1.00	5.40
Annualised Yield (%)	3.28	3.36	2.88	2.37	1.17	6.34

Most Recent Unit Splits						2021 Mar
Ratio						4:5

Note: October 2004 to March 2024.

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.

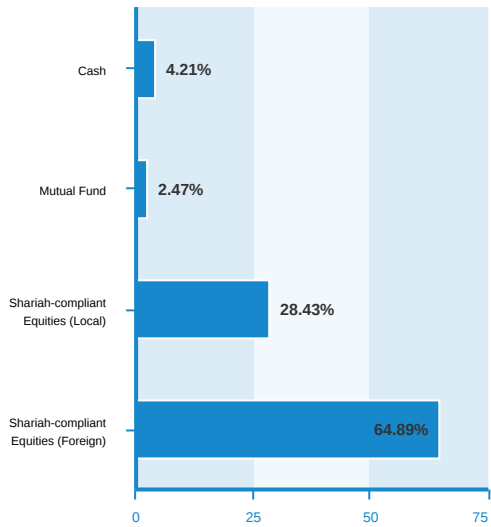
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV.

Source : Lipper

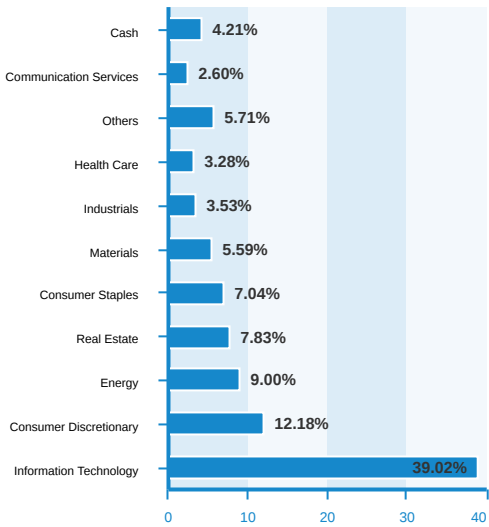
Top Holdings			Fund Risk Statistics	
	Country	% of Net Assets		
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Taiwan	9.40	Beta	0.87
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	7.52	Information Ratio	-0.09
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	5.48	Sharpe Ratio	-0.10
Sunway Bhd	Malaysia	3.92	(3 years monthly data)	
Synopsys Inc	United States	3.40		
ASML Holding NV	Netherlands	3.32		
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	Malaysia	3.24		
Samsung Electronics	South Korea	2.72		
Bajaj Auto Ltd	India	2.23		
ASM International NV	Netherlands	2.07		

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.

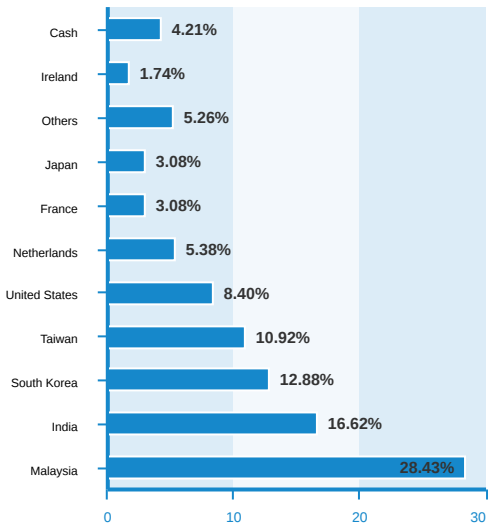
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



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Fund Manager's Report

During the month, our Fund rose 3.68% in MYR terms, underperforming the Benchmark by 75bps mainly due to its structural underweight in Taiwan and Korea vs the benchmark which performed well. Year-to-date, our Fund rose 8.89% in MYR terms, underperforming the Benchmark by 54bps.

For Malaysia Equity, we remain positive on the market. We remain constructive on sectors that stand to gain from the NETR, including Utilities, Construction, and Property. Additionally, we remain optimistic on selective Technology due to the ongoing structural growth trends in the sector. Key risks are the derailment of Malaysia's macroeconomic recovery and corporate earnings growth due to the larger-than-expected impact of rising inflation, slower global economic growth, and heightened geopolitical risks.

The US economy remains strong and inflation sticky with headline CPI in March running at 3.5% y-y (February 3.2% y-y). Markets have pared back 2024 expectations from six rate cuts in the beginning of the year to 1-2 cuts now. In Asia, dispersion in performance between different countries and sectors could stay high even as the broad index is rangebound. While China's policies have turned more stimulative with some green shoots (Manufacturing PMI and Spring festival tourism) emerging, we are mindful that its policies are a work-in-progress and efficacies remain to be fully seen. In Asia, we are positive on the recovery of the technology hardware cycle in South Korea and Taiwan and broad-based growth in India.

We remain fully invested and well positioned in the areas of a) bottoming of the tech hardware cycle (DRAM memory, foundry, equipment) b) strong private sector confidence in India (consumption, cement, property, IT) c) selected global names with resilient demand in the areas of consumption (luxury retail, cosmetics) and technology. During the month we added more positions in hardware equipment/ software in chipmaking (to make up for our structural underweight in a Taiwan benchmark name) and a global pharmaceutical contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO).

^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.23 and is classified as "Moderate" (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 Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds) dated 28 April 2023 which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds) for your records. Any issue of units to which the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds) relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds), subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to country risk, currency risk, risk of investing in emerging markets, risks associated with investment in warrants, stock specific risk. You can obtain a copy of the Master Prospectus (Shariah-Compliant Funds) 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 request for a PHS; and the PHS and any other product disclosure document should be read and understood before making any investment decision. There are fees and charges involved in investing in the funds. We suggest that you consider these fees and charges carefully prior to making 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 also advised to read and understand the contents of the Financing for Investment in Unit Trust Risk Disclosure Statement before deciding to obtain financing to purchase units. Where a unit split/distribution is declared, you are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced from pre-unit split NAV/cum-distribution NAV to post-unit split NAV/ex-distribution NAV; and where a unit split is declared, the value of your investment in Malaysian Ringgit will remain unchanged after the distribution of the additional units.

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