

Principal DALI Asia Pacific Equity Growth Fund

29 February 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

4

Consistent Return

5

Morningstar Rating



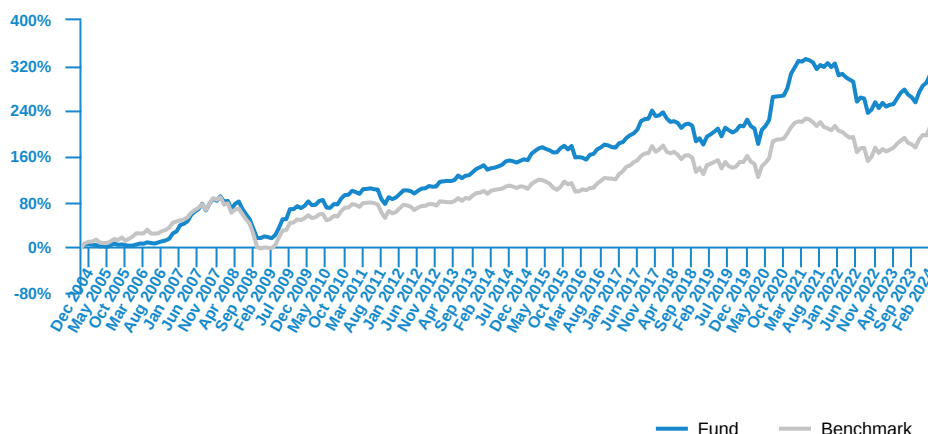
Sustainability



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 1367.9 million
Fund Unit	2266.25 million units
NAV per unit (As at 29 Feb 2024)	MYR 0.6035
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	5.03	3.62	8.33	9.49	16.12	-5.70	35.15	305.27
Benchmark	4.79	5.07	7.67	9.98	16.13	-3.03	26.31	211.18

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					
Ratio					
					2021 Mar
					4:5

Note: October 2004 to February 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.

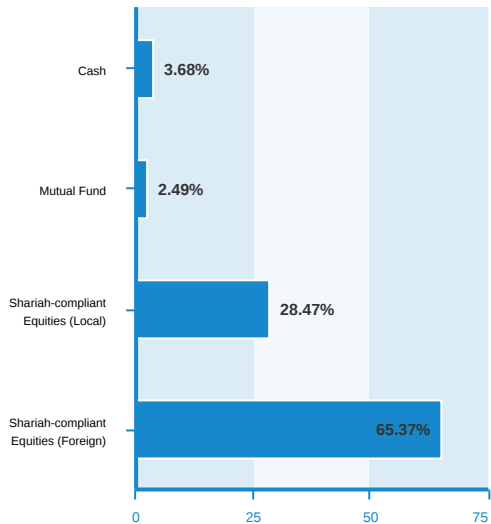
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV.

Source : Lipper

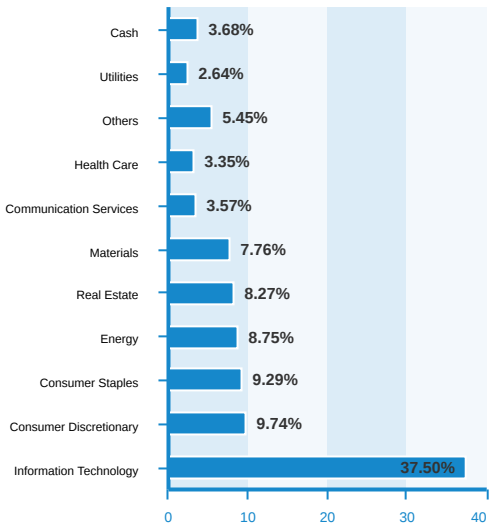
Top Holdings			Fund Risk Statistics	
	Country	% of Net Assets	Beta	
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd	South Korea	8.51		-
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Taiwan	7.18	Information Ratio	-
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	5.52	Sharpe Ratio	-
Inari Amertron Bhd	Malaysia	2.98	(3 years monthly data)	
Sunway Bhd	Malaysia	2.76		
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	2.73		
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	Malaysia	2.64		
Samsung Electronics - PFD	South Korea	2.49		
Ultra Tech Cement Ltd	India	2.05		
Titan Co Ltd	India	2.04		

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.

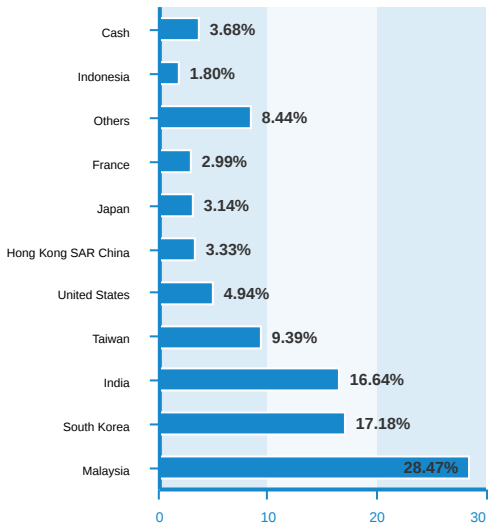
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



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Fund Manager's Report

During the month, our Fund rose 1.36% in MYR terms outperforming benchmark by 1.63% due to Malaysia.

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 Fed has gone from raising rates and tackling inflation in 2023 to calibrating how many rate cuts to implement from 2024 onwards. This should be supportive for equities in terms of multiple expansion provided earnings do not disappoint significantly. In the US Fed's December projections, the median policy rate is expected to decline by 80bps to 4.6% in 2024 and a further 100bps to 3.6% in 2025. The magnitude of rate cuts would highly depend on the inflation and economic growth trajectory, whereby a soft landing is currently expected. In Asia, several themes appear attractive including the recovery of the technology hardware cycle, broad-based growth in India and dividend yielders. While China has turned stimulative in its policies, the efficacies of these policies remain a work-in-progress with recent flip-flops in Internet regulations making the recovery path more opaque. In 2024, we would observe how US-China geopolitical tensions evolve especially in an election year in the US. Risks: a) A hard landing in the US b) Geopolitics: US-China tensions which can range from various sanctions, financial markets and military conflicts

We remain fully invested and well positioned in the areas of a) bottoming of the tech hardware cycle b) strong private sector confidence in India c) selected global names with resilient demand in the areas of consumption, energy and technology. During the month, we trimmed selected consumer names in India due to the slower than expected recovery with the intention of revisiting these ideas in the coming quarters. We bought an Australia company with exposure to the US housing market and also a global software company for chip designing.

^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 February 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.13 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 31 December 2019, 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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