

Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund - Class MYR

31 January 2024

Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme



Fund Objective

The Fund 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. The Fund is predominantly an equity fund which invests through securities of companies domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan. 'Significant operations' means major businesses of the company. For example, the Fund can invest in a company with significant business and/or operations in Thailand but listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Lipper Score

Total Return

5

Consistent Return

5

Morningstar Rating



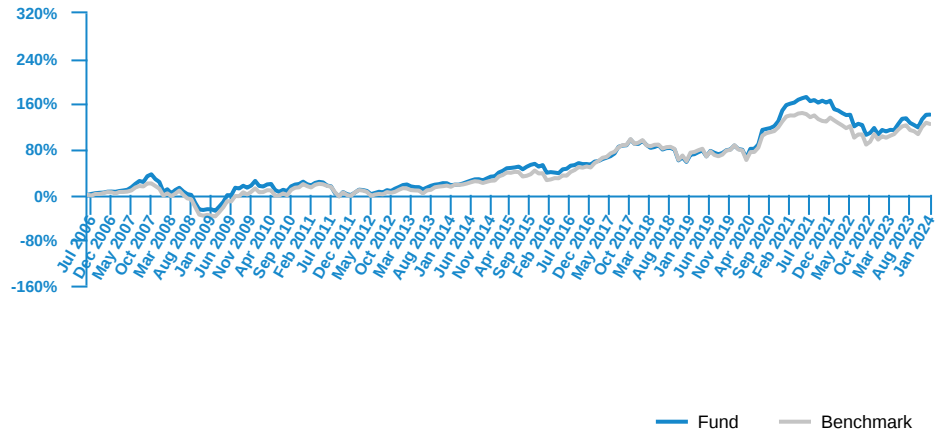
Sustainability



Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1000AA007
Lipper ID	65023187
Bloomberg Ticker	CIMAPAD MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	2 Jun 2006
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index
Application Fee	IUTA: 5.00% of the NAV per unit Principal Agency Distributor: 5.00% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.80% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.07% p.a. of NAV
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 3499.8 million
Fund Unit	5492.23 million units
NAV per unit (As at 31 Jan 2024)	MYR 0.6372

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	0.16	0.16	10.32	2.77	12.64	-6.51	41.50	146.08
Benchmark	-0.96	-0.96	8.67	1.05	10.62	-5.54	28.97	120.02

Calendar Year Returns (%)						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	16.75	-22.36	6.98	32.91	18.35	-16.76
Benchmark	15.10	-16.46	2.97	22.31	17.64	-17.00

Most Recent Fund Distributions						
	2023 Mar	2022 Mar	2021 Mar	2020 Sep	2020 Mar	2018 May
Gross (sen/unit)	0.57	1.02	1.28	1.18	0.86	2.01
Annualised Yield (%)	2.01	3.13	1.75	1.24	1.14	2.38

Most Recent Unit Splits					
Ratio					
2021 Jan					
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Note: June 2006 to January 2024.

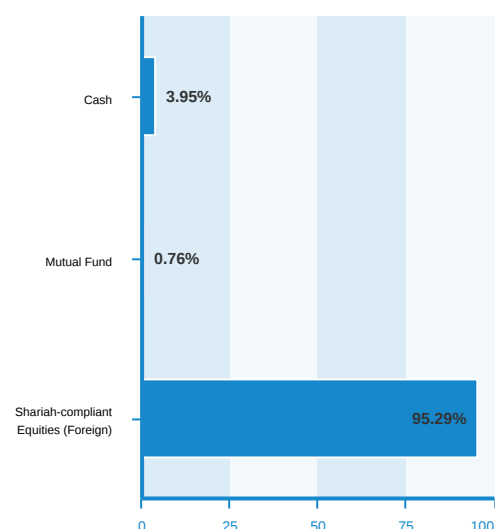
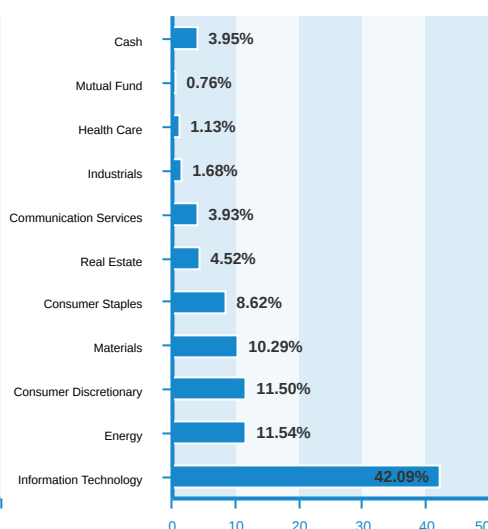
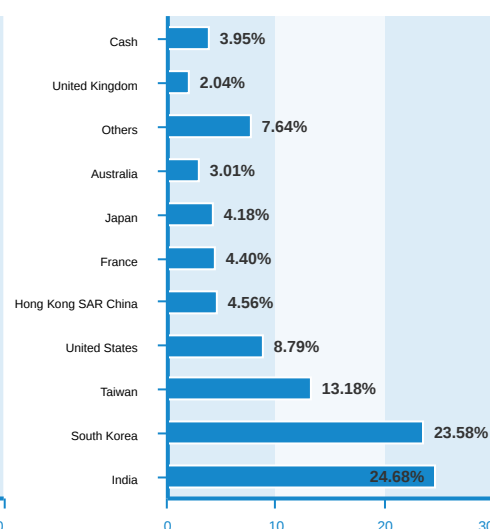
Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

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	10.18	Beta	0.90
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd	South Korea	8.57	Information Ratio	-0.02
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	8.24	Sharpe Ratio	-0.13
Samsung Electronics - PFD	South Korea	5.20	(3 years monthly data)	
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	4.95		
Ultra Tech Cement Ltd	India	2.87		
Titan Co Ltd	India	2.61		
ASML Holding N.V.	Netherlands	2.47		
Linde Plc	United States	2.41		
Hindustan Unilever Ltd	India	2.39		

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 (%)**

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

During the month, our Fund rose 0.16% in MYR terms, outperforming the Benchmark by 112 basis points driven by a broad-based contribution from South Korea, global names and underweight in China.

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 January 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 11.6 and is classified as "High" (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 . 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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