Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund - Class USD

31 March 2024

3-year Fund Volatility 7.54 Low
Lipper Analytics 15 Mar 2024

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

Total Return: 5

Consistent Return: 4

Morningstar Rating

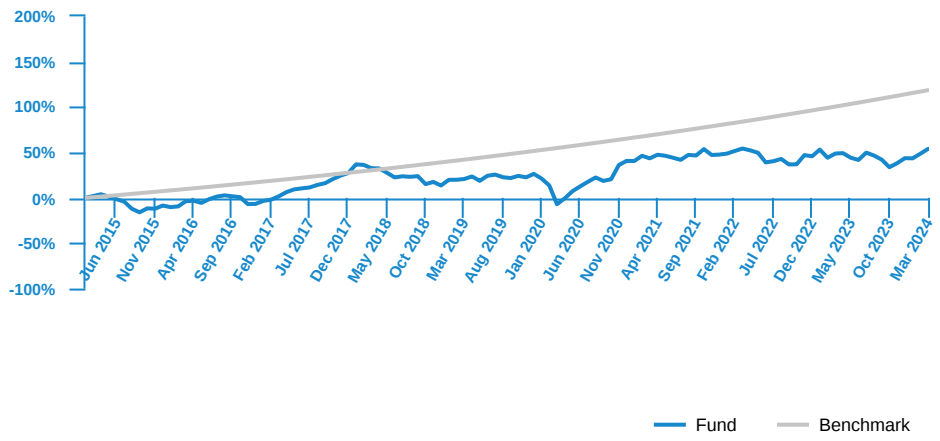
MORNINGSTAR ★★★★★ TM

Sustainability

Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1002FG009
Lipper ID	68303966
Bloomberg Ticker	CIMATRU MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	USD
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	Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of the Class in Malaysia.
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.045% per annum of the NAV of the Class in Malaysia.
Fund Size (USD)	USD 1.12 million
Fund Unit	1.47 million units
NAV per unit (As at 31 Mar 2024)	USD 0.7619
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Date	24 Mar 2015
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price	USD 1.00

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	7.11	3.62	7.11	8.31	3.45	7.28	27.51	53.95
Benchmark	2.17	0.73	2.17	4.41	9.02	29.53	53.89	118.67

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	-1.42	-1.26	4.95	11.30	11.29	-10.80
Benchmark	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00

Most Recent Fund Distributions						2023 Nov
Gross (cent/unit)						0.71
Annualised Yield (%)						1.04

Note: March 2015 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	Country	% of Net Assets
Bank Mandiri	Indonesia	4.77
Bank Central Asia	Indonesia	4.59
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	Indonesia	4.21
Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC	Vietnam	3.56
Ho Chi Minh Development JSC Bank	Vietnam	2.89
Nam Long Investment Corporation	Vietnam	2.87
Gemadept Corporation	Vietnam	2.83
Military Commercial Joint Stock Bank	Vietnam	2.79
Malaysia Airports Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	2.63
Khang Dien House Trading and Investment	Vietnam	2.55

Fund Risk Statistics	
Beta	N/A
Information Ratio	-0.15
Sharpe Ratio	-0.01

(3 years monthly data)

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.

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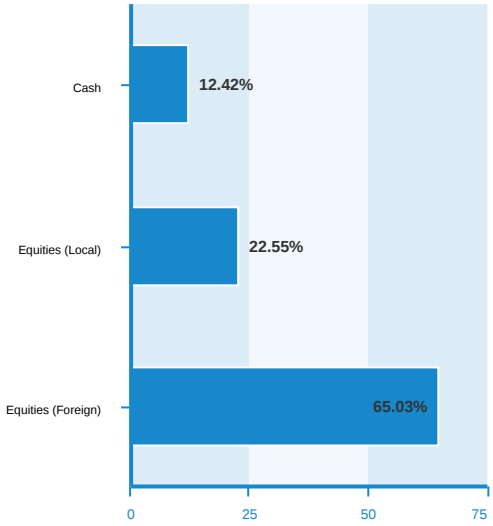
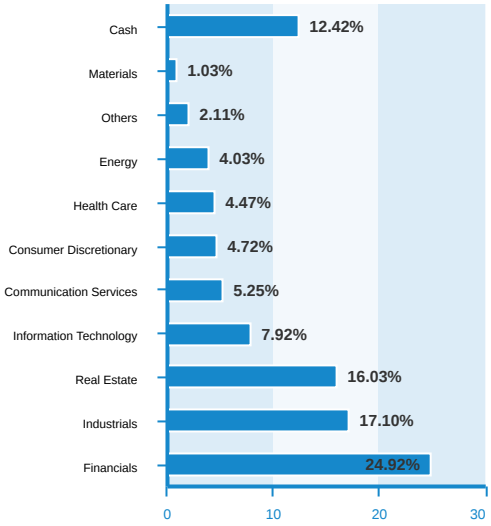
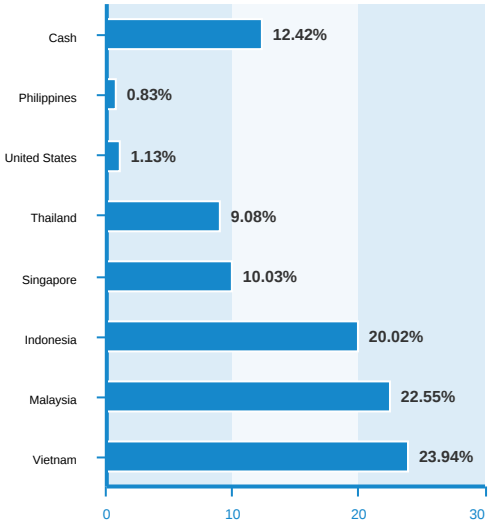
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



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Fund Manager's Report

The Fund rose +3.62% for the month, outperforming the absolute benchmark by +289bps. At the country level, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand were the outperformers. Meanwhile, Industrials, Real Estate and Financials were the sector contributors.

MSCI AC ASEAN index (USD terms) returned +0.69% for the month. Outperformers were Singapore (+4.00%) and Vietnam (+2.44%) whilst Malaysia (-0.54%), Thailand (-0.83%), Indonesia (-1.12%) and Philippines (-1.40%) underperformed.

Given that Fed Fund rate could have peaked, selective central banks in ASEAN would have more room to cut rate, backed by benign inflation outlook in ASEAN. In terms of export data, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia have seen signs of stabilisation. While China tourist arrivals have been slower than expected, cross-border travel recovery will continue. Thailand saw international tourists increased by +58.6% year-on-year in February. In Vietnam, State Securities Commission issued draft circular to remove the cash prefunding by foreign institutional investors, an encouraging step forward to meet one of the requirements of upgrading Vietnam stock market from frontier status to emerging market. Industrial production is estimated to increase by +5.7% year-on-year for the first quarter of the year. In Thailand, positive earnings revision was led by Healthcare. MSCI AC ASEAN is currently trading at 12.4x forward 12 months Price-to-Earnings Ratio, which is below the 5-year historical average of 14.1x.

We believe ASEAN equities continue to provide unique opportunities of structural themes. 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. We also like structural growth themes of Vietnam & FDI, technology & supply chain shift, and ASEAN internet. 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 and rotating to other more attractive opportunities within the abovementioned themes.

^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 7.54 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 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 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 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 is declared, investors 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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