Principal Titans Growth & Income Fund (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Equity Growth & Income Fund)

31 May 2021

Available under the EPF Members Investment Scheme.

3-year Fund Volatility 14.94 High
Lipper Analytics 15 May 2021

Fund Objective

To achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long-term through all types of investments that have the potential for above average growth over time.

Currency: MYR

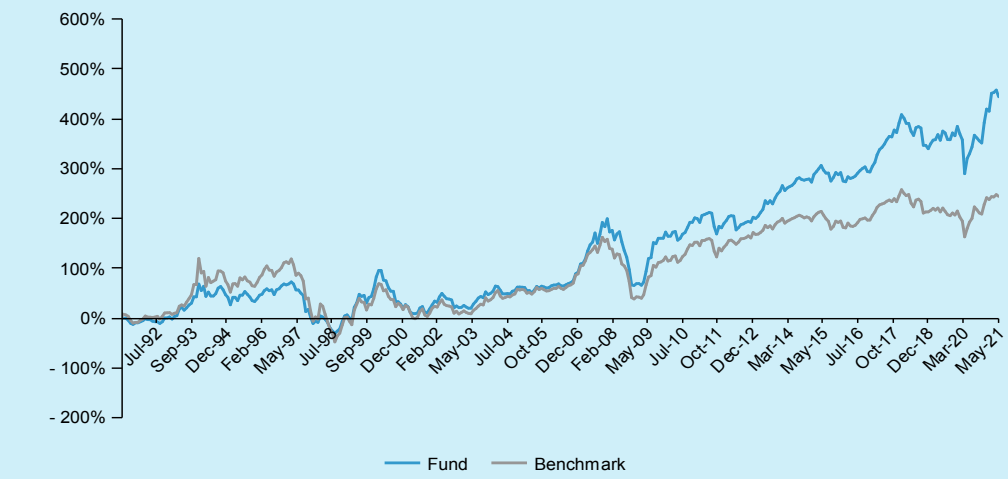
ISIN Code: MY1000BF004

Bloomberg Ticker: BPTDGFI MK

Fund Information

Location	Malaysia
Domicile	Malaysia
Fund Currency	Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 156.50 million
Fund Unit	115.05 million units
Fund Launch	15 May 1991
Benchmark	70% FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index + 30% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan
Dealing	Daily (as per Bursa Malaysia trading day)
Application Fee	6.50% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.50% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.07% p.a. of the NAV
Unit NAV (MYR)	MYR 1.3602

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	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund	4.74	-2.41	-1.31	10.57	26.64	14.55	42.49	444.32
Benchmark	0.80	-1.03	0.15	4.94	17.69	4.14	21.26	244.42

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	7.18	10.19	-10.49	24.96	0.33	5.15
Benchmark	8.48	2.10	-9.41	16.41	0.66	0.67

Most Recent Fund Distributions	2020 Jul	2019 Jul	2018 Jul	2017 Jul	2016 Jul	2015 Jul
Gross (Sen/Unit)	4.50	5.45	7.75	7.25	7.25	7.00
Annualised Yield (%)	3.74	4.22	5.50	5.45	5.93	5.07

Note: May 1991 to May 2021.
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 10 Holdings

	Country	% of net assets
CIMB Group Hldgs Bhd	Malaysia	6.75
Malayan Banking Bhd	Malaysia	6.00
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	4.09
DBS Group Hldg Ltd	Singapore	3.31
Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd	Malaysia	2.69
RHB Bank Bhd	Malaysia	2.59
Genting Bhd	Malaysia	2.48
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	Malaysia	2.36
Public Bank Bhd	Malaysia	2.34
AMMB Hldg Bhd	Malaysia	2.19

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

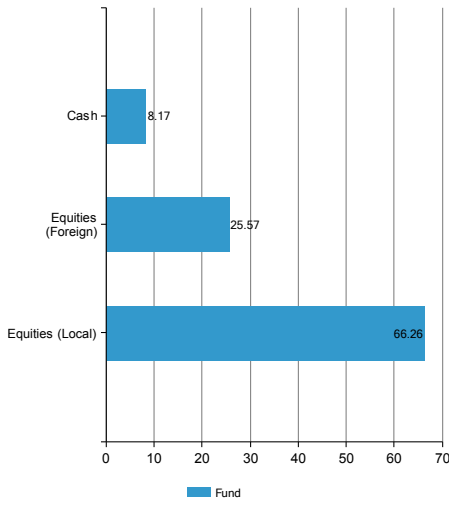
Fund Risk Statistics

Beta	1.09
Information Ratio	0.73
Sharpe Ratio	0.17

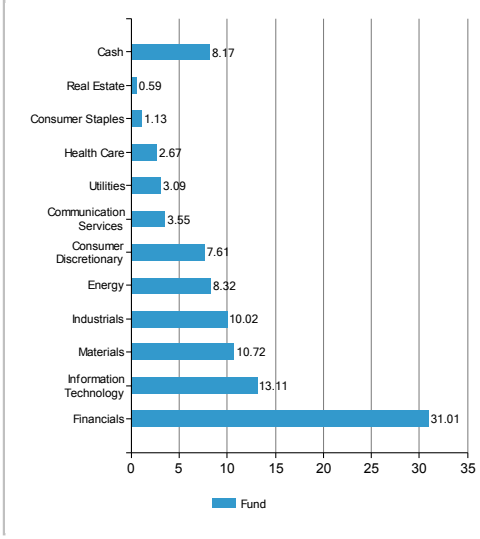
3 years monthly data

In alliance with CIMB

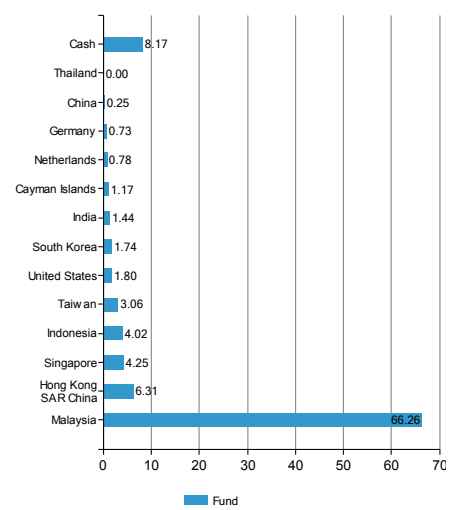
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



Source: Factset. 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, the fund declined -2.41% in MYR terms, underperforming the benchmark by -138bps. The underperformance of the month was driven by Information Technology, Energy and Industrials.

FBMKLCI fell just over 1% to 1,583.55pts in May. Malaysia instituted much stricter movement controls due the surge in COVID-19 cases. Except Financials where sentiment was lifted by strong quarterly results reported during the month, all sector were in the red led by Energy (-9%), Construction (-8%), Tech (-8%).

BNM maintained its OPR at 1.75% during its May policy meeting. We continue to expect that the central bank will maintain an accommodative monetary policy to support the economy. Consensus projects KLCI earnings to grow almost 45% in 2021.The FBMKLCI currently trades at a forward PE of just under 15x for 2021 and 2022, ex-Gloves 17.5x and 15.2x respectively.

We stay Neutral on Malaysia. Despite the near-term headwinds, we remain proponents of the reopening theme and thus constructive on sectors such as Financials, Cyclicals such as Consumer Discretionary and select Transport. We turned cautious on some commodities but remain positive on Energy and Aluminium. The former will benefit from rising air travel activities and the latter due green infrastructure spending.

Asia: The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index gained 1.2% in USD terms in May. This was led by India and the Philippines while Malaysia and Taiwan lagged, as the number of new Covid-19 cases peaked in India but surged in Malaysia and Taiwan. However, we believe that countries are now better prepared to deal with the resurgence of Covid-19 cases.

While we maintain our view that the rise in inflation is transitory since the unemployment rate is still high, volatility in equities market will ensue when inflation concerns and tapering expectations build. We maintain our view that fund flows are more likely to move to Asia since it is under-owned and valuation is more attractive compared to global equities.

We rate Asian equities a BUY over a 12-month horizon. As we expect a broadening out of economic recovery, we have diversified to industrials, materials and communication services. The focus is also on quality companies which are long term winners, or benefit from structural changes in their respective industries through market share gain or exhibit stronger earnings growth prospects.

^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 May 2021, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 14.940 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 Issue No. 22 dated 17 April 2020, which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Master Prospectus for your records. Any issue of units to which the Master Prospectus relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Master Prospectus, subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to country risk, currency risk, risk of investing in emerging markets and stock specific risk. You can obtain a copy of the Master 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 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 /Unit Trust Loan Financing Risk Disclosure Statement before deciding to borrow 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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